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Brave Shanelle (15) to be honoured at Dinas Powys FC summer ball

A SUMMER ball organised by Dinas movingly about the Powys Football Club will include a ed between Shanelle presentation to a talented teenage footballer who has shown great courage in the face of personal tragedy.

Early last year, Shanelle Edwards, aged 15, lost her mother Tracey to cancer; but as football was something she was able to lose herself in amid the heartbreak, she managed to carry on and score 50 goals for Dinas Powys juniors in the season

Shanelle, who attends Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg in Barry, now lives with her aunt and uncle, Rachel and Neil Phillips, and their son Edan. Rachel spoke strong bond that existand her sister Tracey.

"Shanelle is not only talented, she is courageous.

"She has been an inspiration to me in the way she handled the death of her wonderful mum, Tracey," Rachel told The GEM.

"Being brought up single handed by her mother, Shanelle lost not only her mum, but her confidante and best

"The one area where she excels is in football, and it was tremendous that she was able to score 50 goals after what had happened to her," Rachel explained.

(CONTINUED ON PAGE 3)



ABOVE:

Some of the money raised in the raffle at the Dinas Powys Football Club's charity ball is going to be put in trust for the future of tal-ented footballer Shanelle Edwards.

Vale MP's expenses go live on the web

THE House of Commons has now put all MPs' expenses, for four years from 2004 to 2008, on its website.

If you don't know your IEPs from your ACAs, or if you are not sure what 'redacted' means, then turn to page 8 for a GEM spot-

Vale MP John Smith has been revealed to be

Vale Council's four options for future of Bryneithin home

THERE were more ted to offering this sort than 150 responses to the Vale Council's 12 week consultation into the future of **Bryneithin Care** Home earlier this vear.

The council says it will now consider four options which will be investigated to arrive at the best solution:

• Refurbish the

home and maintain the

current capacity level;

• Refurbish the home and increase the apacity;

Close the home

and put a purpose-built home on the current

 Alternative provision in partnership with the independent sector;

Coun Dorothy Turner, council cabinet member for social and care services, said: "We are very grateful to everyone who took the time to share their views

about Bryneithin. "The responses have heen examined in detail and will help to inform our plans for the future are of the elderly in the Vale. "It is obvious that the

high standard of care offered by staff in Bryneithin is held in high regard by everyone connected with the home. We are commitof quality care into the

Regional Assembly Member Chris Franks, who has supported the action group arguing for the future of Bryneithin, said: "Having worked with the local community and campaigners to keep Bryneithin open, I am disappointed with the approach taken by the Vale Council.

"I have a number of questions to put to the council, such as - was the public consultation

in line with legislation?
"What attempts were

involve Cardiff and Vale NHS Trust?

"Did the council fail in its duty of care by calling for a moratorium on the number of patients being treated at Bryneithin, limiting the maximum to 12, and denying care to other patients who have a right to be treated in the unused beds?

"A great deal of hard work has been put into the consultation by the local community, and it seems their voices

haven't been heard."

Philip Evans, director

Vale Council, replied:
"The council is able to

reassure the Assembly Member that the public consultation did follow the proper process, all our partners in the NHS were able to contribute to the consultation, and Bryneithin continues to operate at full capacity.
"In looking at the possible options for the

home, we welcome contributions from all individuals or groups with a proper interest in the future of Bryneithin and

TIM CHAPMAN

Action group's claim over open space issue

Approach Action claims Services Public Ombudsman for Wales has taken the Vale Council to task, over failings in connection with the plan to sell open space land in the town.

Peter residents." ed: "I The gro Ombudsman.

THE Save Cemetery Cemetery Road (as open to ensure that such a failtion space) prior to seeking its ure to identify the status
the disposal was maladmin- of such land does not

Mr Tyndall went on to

add that because the sale of land was not going ahead, no contracts had been exchanged, and the board council was now aware Ombue The group told The no further action would cerns of the community.' GEM that in a letter to be taken because —"there Peter Evans, director GEM that in a letter to be taken because -"there group committee memis now no outstanding of legal services, said: ber Nic Lanagan, the injustice to you or other "The Ombudsman has

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Kay Jones of the action group said: "The Vale Council now has to take these criticisms on from Ombudsman of the status of the land future, before brushing as 'public open space', aside the expressed con-

not investigated the com-Tyndall, had stated: "I The group points out plaint any further on the accept entirely that the that Mr Tyndall has now basis that there is now no actions of the council in written to the council to outstanding injustice to distinct that the state of the council to outstanding injustice to failing to identify the sta- "highlight the need to the complainant or other tus of the land at have procedures in place residents."





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Mr Smith replies on page 8.

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Article brought back fond Panto memories at Llantwit

EADING a GEM article about the high cost of recent productions of the Llantwit Major Pantomime Society, took me back to the late 1960s when we had to do it all on a shoe-string.

The late Mrs Newberry and I put on Sleeping Beauty for the week in the Old YMCA, which was then part of the old St Illtyd's School.

We hand-painted our own scenery, which unfortunately was later destroyed in the school fire.

We held a jumble sale to raise funds, and the local council gave us a grant of £10.

Also, we were lucky to have some lovely clothes given to us from a Cardiff shop that was closing down.

I designed the costumes, which we made ourselves.

Having been a professional dancer when young and in many pantomimes, I trained the 20 young

A funny thing happened during the Sleeping Beauty production: My father Sydney Havard and I had to paint a scene of the town hall, and we had to have a recording of the striking clock at 11am.

Instead, it was done at mid-day, just when the children were coming out of school, and the cars were sounding their horns.

We all fell about laughing - but I don't think the audience found it quite so funny. Faith Francis, Llantwit Major

Democracy rules in Europe..?

F your recent correspondent is tect our interests. concerned about the undemocratic government of this country, he should consider the European

Commission, which gives us 80 per cent of our laws

Baroness Kinnock's husband was appointed to it on the single vote of Mr John Major, and our last commissioner Mr Mandelson, was appointed on the single vote of his friend Mr Tony Blair

The UK is, of course, hopelessly outnumbered on the Commission and is, in the name of 'streamlining', about to give up a large number of vetoes which could

have been used to pro-

Why generations of our political leaders have surrendered more and more power to this antidemocratic institution is one of the mysteries of our age.

Perhaps we are being denied a general election until after the Irish referendum, in the hope that they will approve

the Lisbon thing.
Then it will be too late for Mr. Cameron's promised referendum here. EU supremacy will be complete.

If we are concerned about the way our MPs have exploited the expenses system, then considering what they do in Europe would RH Bradshaw

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Why build 2,000 houses on haven for wildlife in Barry?

AM extremely concerned over the conservation of our green spaces and the way Barry is disappearing beneath a layer of rubble and con-

Unfortunately I was unable to attend the public exhibition held by the Barry Waterfront Consortium but I wish to express my concerns over the proposed regeneration scheme at Barry Waterfront, namely the area known as West

Looking across to Barry Island, it is the field on the right hand side. I don't know how many people are aware that this field is a haven for wildlife and flora.

It is packed with numerous wild flowers

ITHER your

recent letter

writer Mr

Reid does not know

much about the his-

tory of his party, or

he is attempting to

fool some of your

Semitism goes right to the top of the party. In 1998, their Leader and

Member of the European

Parliament, Nick Griffin,

wrote in a pamphlet.
"I am well aware that

the orthodox opinion is that six million Jews

were gassed and cremat-

ed or turned into lamp

shades. Orthodox opin-

ion also once held that the earth is flat...I have

reached the conclusion that the 'extermination

extremely profitable lie and latter witch-hyste-

tale is a mixture of Allied wartime propaganda,

Are these the words of someone who recognises

The fact is the BNP is **councillor**)

the appalling suffering the Jewish people had to

endure at the hands of

the Nazi regime?

readers.
The BNP's anti-

now newly elected

and grasses, some of which may be rare and threatened species

This flora provides food and home for many insects, including bees, which I believe face extinction at this time.

Also, hundreds of skylarks nest in this field and the adjacent field. These little birds fill the sky with their song. Where will they go if the planned works go

According to plans, there are to be 2,000 houses built on this land; why? Half the properties already built on the Waterfront are for sale

or empty.
The apartments that have been created in the Barry Hotel are not exactly selling like hot-cakes. Why can't this new development be built on brown sites?

dedicated to imposing

apartheid-style rule in

on the nonsense that

Asian people would

izens under the law.

The BNP want to

deport all those people

who were not born in

In fact, I suspect the

majority of white people who call Britain home

could trace their ancestry

to "foreign countries"

Germany (Saxons and

(Vikings) and even some

Purity of blood is

nothing more than a fas-

cist nightmare. Diversity

is something to be cele-

Greater because of its proud tradition of toler-

brated, not feared.

ance, equality and

Rob Curtis, Barry

(Labour

Britain is that much

like Italy (Romans),

France (Normans),

Angles), Denmark

Irish and Greek.

Britain

Britain. It wants to cre-

ate a system that is based

white people are superior

to all others. Black and

become second-class cit-

Diversity is not

to be feared

area between the Island and town have to be ruined?

I appreciate that another road is required to access Barry Island, but that could be built, leaving the fields virtually untouched.

Why is money not being spent on making Barry Island a more attractive place for visi-

Bistros and wine bars could be built, cafes and restaurants could be modernised and cleaned up. We could have a 'continental life style' right by the sea.

Now that the beach is so much cleaner, it would be a far more attractive place than the Waterfront. Why does it have to be like Cardiff Bay – let's be different, clean up Barry Island and make it worth visiting. Leave the fields full of flowers, wild life and

birdsong.

Haven't we been warned enough about endangered insects and flowers – the whole structure of life will collapse without these and we are doing nothing to prevent it.

Kathleen Woodfin,

Filthy language on the streets of Barry

enjoyable session of 'Clap, Tap and Rhyme' at Barry Library today, I wandered into town with my three-yearold son and fourmonth-old daughter for a stroll around the shops and the market.

However, my enjoy-ment of the bustling atmosphere and the glo-rious weather was spoiled as I shopped amongst people using filthy language in the street and shops.

I would add that this swearing (of the crudest kind) was not carried out by young people, hood-

OLLOWING an enjoyable session of 'Clap, some of 'Clap, age and beyond who should be able to control themselves in public.

In one shop, a woman bantered with the shop assistant who she obviously knew, using such obscenities that I couldn't wait to get my young son out.

How people wish to communicate at home is their own business, but please show a bit of restraint when there are others, especially children around.

Thank you for a very informative read each week.

(Name and address supplied)

Time

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL JULY 02)

The high tides listed in The GEM are those in Barry. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Porthcawl, the high point will be 15-20 minutes earlier.

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DECISION ON BARRY **DOCKS BIOMASS**

THE decision on asked for an environmenwhether a biomass tal impact assessment In the planning commitant an EIA.

CEIA) to be carried out. tee meeting, a Friends of "Res plant will be built at (EIA) to be carried out. Barry docks has Sunrise been deferred.

On June 19, a Vale on whether

(Barry) Ltd commented: "We are disappointed in Council planning com- the last-minute instrucmittee put back a judge- tion by the WAG, which it resulted in a further should go ahead, after the delayed decision on our Assembly Government application for a biomass

ing Shanelle in the

Arsenal, explained: "I'd

like to make a career in

football, either in playing

"It would be great to

The summer ball is at

a three-

Dinas Parish Halland an

win a sports college

team

Shanelle,

favourite

Club to recognise teenager Shanelle

FROM PAGE ONE)
Shanelle currently

currently plays for Dinas Powys under-16s girls team, and has already played for a south Wales representa-tive team and trained with the Welsh ladies or coaching. team at Aberdare and "It would Treforest.

Dinas Powys Football scholarship to the USA!" Club is a thriving organisation which has more than 600 members and caters for players from the age of six to 60! course meal

The summer ball on tainment.

July 11 is part of a com
If anyo munity project to help raise money for the club's ultimate goal of having its own club-

But a raffle on the prize for the raffle, conevening will provide a tact Jan Cunningham on donation towards help- 0788 169 2007.

Renewables claimed to have contactspokesman ed the Welsh Assembly Government and caused

the delay.
"We believe this one of the most sustain-able ways of producing alectricity and residents

"We are urgently looking at what action we can delay, as we feel there is a great opportunity to bring jobs and investment to Barry, and for the difficult to make a decision on the biomass application. "It would have been difficult to make a decision on the biomass application." area to demonstrate its green credentials by sup-

opposed to the proposed Assessment. location of the plant, weldefer.

course meal with enter-Assembly Government Friends of the Earth, If anyone would like has asked for an EIA, and to support the community event by attending the ball, or if their company would like to donate a

"Residents still have opment and now that an assessment has been called for, we don't know how long it will take unfortunate, as this delays the introduction of will go back to the plan-

expressed concerns about electricity, and indeed expressed concerns about seems to be contrary to the biomass plant and the what is happening else-where in the UK. Bio-Gen plant planned off Atlantic Way.

Coun Elmore said: "We think it was right for take to overcome this the planning committee to defer the decision on

"It would have been difficult to make a decision regarding the appligreen credentials by supporting this scheme."
However, local councillors Pamela Drake and Chris Elmore, who are Environmental Impact

"Residents are still out comed the decision to most evenings collecting names for the petitions which are now both past

as the councillors for Castleland we think it is Branch wrote to the right and proper that if Assembly to ask for the the Assembly ask for an EIA for the development, EIA, then it must now be and they got the for the developer to work Assembly Government with the Assembly to call for one."

VALE AM CALLS FOR ACTION 'Flood prevention a top priority at Dinas Powys'

Dinas Powys who fear their homes will be flooded are being backed by Vale AM Jane Hutt.

She has called for flood prevention action after talking to residents at her surgery in Murch Community Hall.

She visited them to discuss the need for measures to safeguard their homes.

"The heavy rains and flash floods in the first weekend in June. brought the water into their gardens and per-ilously near their homes.

flow at Cross Common Road bridge were raised as the debris piled up in the fast flow of water from the Cadoxton stream towards this point," Ms Hutt report-

ed.
"I have written to the Vale Council, the Environment Minister and the Environment Agency about these concerns. following the latest episode earlier this month.

"There are European funds available to help with flood alleviation measures and I know that the Cross Common Bridge structure is being Concerns about the river considered as a factor by

Dentist's golf day

boost for charity

LOCAL dentist Colin Rees recently

Golf & Spa Resort, which raised

organised a golf day at the Vale Hotel

£1,850 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Colin said: "I'm really pleased to be able to support Macmillan's great work in south east

"The VIP Dental Classic is going to be an

part next year, please contact me at my dental

practice, which is situated in Eastgate,

spickin@macmillan.org.uk.

Cowbridge."

annual event, so if anyone is interested in taking

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ABOVE: Jane Hutt AM with a concerned Dinas Powys resident.

all the responsible agencies.
"The fear of flooding

families and households and flood prevention measures must be a pri-ority," the AM insisted.

Charges follow morning raids

POLICE carried (cannabis). out morning raids Both we in custody. June 22 as part of A 46-year-old man from the Barry area was

Five people were of Class arrested and charged with (cannabis). drugs offences.

charged with conspiracy to supply class A drugs to supply class A drugs (heroin).

(heroin).

A 28-year-old man

to supply class A drugs (heroin). and possession

Both were remanded

Operation Calais - charged with conspiracy an investigation into to supply class A drugs the supply of drugs. (heroin) and possession Five people were of Class B drugs

A 33-year-old man from the Barry area was charged with conspiracy

A 33-year-old woman from the Barry area was from the Barry area was charged with conspiracy charged with conspiracy to supply class A drugs

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early 2010 along a sec-

tion of the line.
Services will run ini-

steam and diesel loco-

motive operations have not been ruled out in the

future. To this end, RSH

0-4-0ST 7705, owned by a consortium of VGR

members, will move to

Pontycymer for restora-

tially with the DMU, but

tion' Garw Valley Railway received a major boost recently when a 2-car Class 108 diesel multiple unit belonging to the Barry Railcar Project moved to the line in readiness for the first trains.

The unit comprises DMBS 51919 and DMS 52048. The two vehicles moved to the railway's Pontycymer base, causing much interest amongst the residents of the former mining val-

The 4.5 mile line is situated in Bridgend county borough runs from Pontycymer at the head of the steeply-grad-

the year of £650.

Sandra Downing

lev, to a point at Brynmenyn close to Tondu station on the Maesteg branch.

The current operating base of the line is located at the site of the former Pontycymer station where the two-road locomotive works houses the rolling stock

The GVR received a further boost in January when, following agreement with the GVR board, the Vale of Glamorgan Railway decided to relocate to the line, following their eviction from Barry.

The railway retains its own identity, but works as members of the GVR in their aims to reopen the branch.

It is hoped that the line will partially reopen

collect awards



LEFT: Scott Kihlberg and RIGHT: Matthew McGranaghan.

DHD coffee morning THREE engineer- Maintenance OUR next coffee morning is being held on July 8, at 10am, at the Glenbrook Inn, Barry, and we are hosting an information session from Cerebra (children's charity). For further details on this or any of the group their

activities, call 01446 421738. The group is now able to offer a contact in the Llantwit Major area and anyone who would like to

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M a t t h e w Corning apprenticeship McGramaghan (20), of Llantwit Major, Scott Brehnician – ph probes' and Richard Hughes (18), from Knighton in Powys each won an Gramma (1997). and Richard Hughes (18), from Knighton in week extended pro-Powys each won an award. All three are cur-rently apprentices and support him through each was presented with a cheque for £150, a cer-

Graeme Morgan, Past year of his BAMC Master of the Guild. apprenticeship, having Matthew is on a spent the first two years
British Airways at Barry College ICAT.

Desert Divas had ladies belly dancing

NEWS FROM BARRY WI

HE MAY meeting was 'Resolutions Night' - followed by a fish and chip supper.

The resolution this ear was all about bees. A vote was taken on

this subject guided by the president, who was attending the Royal Albert Hall, London at the NFWI meeting.
The president represented all the Link WIs

The June meeting was so different! Members were entertained by the 'Desert Divas'. The belly dancing was very good and some of our ladies were asked to join in at the end.

Some members were

also attending the Royal Horticultural Shows in Cardiff and Malvern.

The sewing circle had a lunch out due to the fact that voting was taken place in the hall.

The usual Tuesday afternoon, keepfit and sewing circle meetings all took place in May and will also take place during June.

The branch welcomes members of the public to attend one of the meet-ings to see what WI. is all about.

The July 21 meeting will feature 'My life as a DJ in the Sixties'.

Please come along vou will be made very welcome. Enquiries from Secretary - Barry 410139

'GOALPOSTS HAVE NOW CHANGED'

Councillor expresses concern over defence college noise levels

A FLEMINGSTON councillor is questioning the small print of plans for the military training complex at St Athan - and says that noise levels could be a major

problem. The Vale Council is currently considering the extensive planning application for the Defence Training College (DTC), and the public are being invited to express their views.

Coun Roger Eustace told The GEM:

"There has been much local support for the DTC, but the previous public consultations and exhibitions made little mention of the type of military training – which was always pre-sented as low level.

"The goalposts have now changed."

Coun Eustace can see problems ahead from a number of areas, with noise a major concern. He said: "There will

be a significant adverse impact upon the local communities from military activities, which include engine running, tank pad and road from 2014, flightline with up to three military jet aircraft training on northern cross runway for up to four hours per day (Monday to Friday), Picketston firing range and Picketston field

training area."
He said; "Section
16.15 of the application confirms that the significant detrimental noise levels from the engine running will affect prop-erties to the south of

REPORT by PHILIP IRWIN

noise sources from core activities will affect properties to the west of Llantwit Road (Briarbank) and Boverton Mill Farm in 2014 and 2020.

"There will be a significant increase in road traffic noise due to additional development-related traffic on existing and new roads, and the cumulative effect of ambient noise levels due to change in airfield uses, field training and road traffic will affect Broadway Nursing Home and other areas.'

Coun Eustace is concerned that Picketston Firing Range (document 16, pages 93 – 96) will be in use most of day from 8.30am – 4.30pm, with eight lanes that could be in use at any one time, with 40-minute sessions using

40 rounds on each lane There is an existing firing range, but at pres ent it was used quite

sparingly.

However, when the defence college is running to capacity, there would be a big increase.

The nearest properties are in the New Barn Road area.

He said: "There will also be firing during the hours of darkness, but sessions will be less frequent and involve 10 rounds on each lane. Where possible, firing will cease before 11pm.

"The range will also be used for armament testing, including 5.56mm minigun and the larger calibre gener-

al purpose machine gun. These will be used two or three times a month for half a day, and would typically comprise four or five bursts per weapon"

He continued: "A typical training day at Picketston Field Training Area (document 16, pages 96-97) will be 8.30am – 5.30pm, but blank firing of weapons will also arise outside these hours, and would be undertaken before 11pm, where possible. "The area will mainly

be used for ambush training – comprising noisy initial demonstra-tions followed by a few hours of dry drills

Typically, there will be eight demonstrations

two Land Rovers being ambushed by one or two thunder flashes with possibly blank small arms fire from SA80 rifles up to 30 rounds

"Acoustic fencing and bunding will be installed, but there will still be a medium to high magnitude effect on neighbouring proper-

Coun Eustace concluded: "This extension of activities must be resisted for the sake of the local communities.

"The public consultation ends soon and I urge residents to register their views with the Vale Council through community or town councils.'

Rhoose Brownies' holiday activities

Brownies Rhoose went on their annual pack Holiday.

The destination was Gorwelion near

Porthcawl. It has

The theme for the holiday was the seaside and the Brownies participat-ed in lots of different activities including a The current leader is long hike through the unfortunately having to sand dunes, a sandeastle leave and the pack are competition and games looking for a new leader.

ON May 26, 2nd different materials they

day.

There was even talk a midnight feast was held which the leaders knew

near nothing about!

The Brownies were spectacular able to attain their pack views across the sea and surrounding countryside. badges while they were

On May 29, a group of very tired Brownies and leaders went home again!

with a seaside theme. If you think you want
They also made shell to join in the fun and may boxes, mobiles and completed a wonderful collage of the seaside using 711790.

KIDSOUT (and local Rotarians) hit the beach at Barry Island!

MORE than 700 children have been treated to a day at Barry Island for the Rotary Club's annual KIDSOUT day.

Supported by the Vale Council, the event was attended by youngsters from schools in the Newport, Pontypool, Blackwood, Pontlanfraith, Abercarn and Newbridge areas.

Rotary District 1150, Zones 5 and 6 have been organising the visits to Whitmore Bay in Barry Island for the past few years.

This year's event also had the added bonus of a glorious day of sunshine for the children and the 300 teachers and helpers who accompanied them.



Rotary Club organisers, volunteers and Vale of Glamorgan councillors were delighted with the success of this year's KIDSOUT day at Barry Island.

NEWS FROM THE 2ND BARRY COMPANY THE BOYS BRIGADE

'Silly Socks' raise vital cash for cancer charity

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'Silly Socks' night to suggested that we helped the staff.

So armed – or should that be footed – with our event set for June 10.

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recently staged a charity and when it was skill and dedication of their funds.

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It was a particular an evening of games and

refreshments and took

Eleven-year-old Evie

hundreds of photo-graphs." he said.

Johnson presented

and to celebrate

Bonnie's birthday.

amazing amount of

ous donation from

Bonnie herself.

money for church funds

including a very gener-

"It was lovely to

meet her and we are

Bonnie Tyler with a

bouquet of flowers, to

thank her for attending

"The event raised an

boys of the 2nd to sponsor them. hospital and was making pledges are received, we an excellent recovery due hope to have raised in no small part to the around £200 towards

To organise an event, contact Velindre on 029 2031 6976, or on line at www.cancerresearch wales.co.uk.

Coffee for heroes A COFFEE morning A COFFEE morning will be held on Saturday (June 27) in aid of Help for Heroes, the charity which sup-ports wounded service-

men and women in the Memorial Hall, Barry. It is being organised by Alun Cairns, chairman of the Assembly's All Party group on Armed Forces and Cadets in Wales, along with other Vale Conservatives, from 10.30am-12.30pm.

Cenotaph service BARRY branch of the BARRY branch of the RBL will be holding a service at the Memorial Hall Cenotaph, Barry, this Sunday (June 28), to commemorate Armed Forces Day.

There will be the laying of wreaths at the Cenotaph, at 10.45am. All are welcome to

IT was a case of over the border and away' once again for conductor Dorothy Connell and the Barry Male Voice Choir for their latest concert.

This time the choir's destination was Worle Somerset rather than Stirling, Scotland, where the choir performed a concert in aid of the fabric of St Martin's Parish Church

The-900-year old Norman church provided a perfect ambience for a summer concert. A large audience

enjoyed a varied pro-gramme, which included songs from the shows Oliver and Les Miserables, traditional Welsh hymns, songs of love and songs such as We'll Gather Lilacs and Daffodils, which evoked the beauty of nature.

ABOVE: The Barry Male Voice Choir .

Barry choir crosses a

musical border, again!

Solo items were provided by choir member tenor David Evans and the choir's talented accompanist Emma Arscott, whose assured performances were greeted with prolonged

applause.
The announcement made by compere Douglas Baxter that "the concert interval would be as long as necessary was soon understood by the puzzled audience.

It simply meant that the second half of the concert would start when everyone had finished consuming the refreshments provided of wine and cheese!

Following the concert the choir and their travelling supporters adjourned to a local hostelry, where the usual concert afterglow was enjoyed by all. The busy choir sched

Church, Trinity Street, Barry at 7.30pm. The ule continues with the summer break will be forthcoming summer barbecue hosted by from Monday, September 7 until Thursday, September 17.

New members and Graham Edwards on June 27 and a concert at Raglan on July 11 as a

visitors are always welcome. For further infor-mation, telephone the Secretary John Rees part of the Raglan Music Festival. Choir practice is held every Monday and Thursday at Holy Trinity Davies on 01446 746387



Bonnie day for star's fans on Barry Island

WELSH recording star Bonnie Tyler recently made a guest appearance at Št Baruc's Church on Barry Island, with husband/manager Robert Sullivan and her sisters, to enjoy a social evening with the congregations of St Baruc's and All Saint's church-

A church spokesman reported that the singer talked to them about her career and about performing with the Only Men Aloud choir. "She chatted to



Bonnie Tyler met her Barry 'fans'.

everyone and signed pictures of herself, and then everyone enjoyed

looking forward to seeing her again in the near future," the church spokesman added.

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Those special dogs who help their deaf owners

meeting of Southerndown WI was a near 'sellout', perhaps due to the talk 'Hearing Dogs for the Deaf' held the possibility of a four-legged

was the regional fundraiser for the charity and was unaccompanied! Marilyn Sydenham

was a good speaker, easy to listen to, and told the institute fascinating facts about these invaluable dogs

THE recent Guild

meeting welcomed

the return of Anne

Bird, who was

accompanied by

her husband Paul

and assistant Alan.

Members were given

the history and origin of their wild life experi-

ence at the Barry Swan

Rescue Centre, which

they ran for 20 years.

During this time,

and other birds were

out some very exciting

more than 10,000 swans

NEWS FROM SOUTHERNDOWN WI

The organisation began in 1982 and about 50 dogs, aged six weeks to three years, are trained each year.

These special animals will alert their owners to **friend being present.** door bells, smoke, bur-However, the speaker glar alarms, telephone rings and the many sounds that invade our days - and which those with hearing ability take for granted.

The dogs are easily recognisable by their burgundy jackets.
Marilyn also showed

NEWS FROM THE BARRY

TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

Memories of the swans

Due to several bur-

glaries at the premises,

Anne finally had to

formed Owls 4 U.

change her plans and

rescued are unable to

return to the wild. Some

of these beautiful birds

members were allowed

to get 'up close up and personal' with Bart, Dai

At our social studies

meeting, members were

and Asha, and photo-

graphs were taken.

gave us a conducted

were on display and

Many of the owls she

a short DVD.

President Marjorie Drew guided the meet-ing, encouraging members to peruse their county letter.

There is to be a Link

outing in September to Penderyn distillery.

The next monthly meeting is on July 9 in the St Brides Major church hall, at 7.15pm.

In her talk, Norma Glass will further the members' knowledge of 'Jewish customs'

tour of the building, and

This tour came about

showed us all the vari-

after a previous guild

meeting, when Sandra gave a very interesting talk about her life as a

areas, including the set-

ting up of a library in Cardiff prison.

After the tour, we

enjoyed a welcome cup

ing will be on Monday,

The next guild meet-

of tea and biscuits.

July 13, when the

librarian in different

ous departments.

'How much did council consultants cost?'

'Public has right to know what money is spent on'

An AM calls for transparency

THE Vale Council has been blasted by a regional AM for failing to provide the full information on the costs of education consultants it employed.

Leanne Wood, who represents South Wales Central in the Welsh Assembly, said that while disclosing the £46,000 bill for employing two consultants in 2008-09, the council had refused to say how many days each of them was employed for, and what each of them was paid, citing "commercial interests of other parties'

Ms Wood says that in a previous letter in May, the authority had claimed "we do not appear to have the following information: the highest daily fee charged by a consultant

The Vale Council did name the education consultants as Dewi Jones and Celia Butler, and listed the areas of work they were

GEM REPORT by TIM CHAPMAN

involved in. The Vale also spent £36,000 employing 10 consultants in social services, and leisure and public housing services work over the past 12 months.

Ms Wood, who has submitted a number of requests under the Freedom of Information Act, said: "I don't know where the Vale Council has been for the last six weeks or so when the issue of the use of pub-lic money has been given such high public profile because of MPs' allowances.

"Openness and transparency is vital when a local authority is spending public money, and I find it concerning that the authority is refusing, under the Freedom of Information Act, to say how many days consultants worked for them, and what the daily rate was.

"Commercial confidentiality is all too commonly used as an excuse.
"The public has a

right to know how much the authority is paying for these servic£1,000 a day?

To suggest in an earlier letter that they do not appear to have information on the highest daily fee charged by a consultant is unbelievable. Do they think people are idiots? Are the council hiding this information because it would be embarrassing?

"Secrecy is unac ceptable among public bodies and, as the debate on MPs' expenses has shown, people are not prepared to put up with it.

Leanne Wood said that she would be asking the council to review the decision, and if they continue to refuse to provide it, she will be reporting the authority to the Information Commissioner.

Tim Cousins, information manager for the Vale Council, stated: "All requests for information received by the council have to be administered in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act and the relevant Code of Practice.

"The Assembly

ber of requests in relation to consultants. In response to the initial request, information was provided setting out the total costs of consultants across the authority. Further, it was broken down into service areas and the number in each.

"A further request was received asking for a full breakdown of the education figure. In response, details of the consultants were provided, as was a breakdown of the work they undertook for the coun

Mr Cousin's went on: "In response to this, a further request was received asking for 'some additional information', namely the number of days each of those consultant worked for the council and the total bill submitted by each, detailed separately.

"Where such requests affect the interests of third parties, we have a duty to consult, in accordance with the Code of Practice.

"In this case we consulted, but were unable to secure the positive consent of the third

parties in respect of the information sought. Information in relation to their daily rate is clearly commercial information and, accordingly, we were unable to release the information.

"The Assembly Member was advised of this and advised of her right to appeal both internally and to the independent Information Commissioner; to date this has not been exercised.

"The situation is not comparable with MPs' expenses. It relates to private individuals not elected representatives, and remuneration for work undertaken and not expenses. The total for the work was released, as was a breakdown of what they did."

Mr Cousins added: "The council takes its responsibilities under the legislation seriously and in this respect has administered more than 1,000 requests since the Act has been in force.

"In that time there has only been one decision against the council by the regulator, in relation to application of an exemption.

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The urgent message to our young Welsh people is... IN EDUCATION!

T was great to visit the annual Barry College students' exhibition of art, ceramics, textiles and film at the Art Central Gallery Space in King's Square last week, to meet students and admire their work, as they progress through their vocational qualifications in further and higher education.

I also noted the achievements of seven Vale students who have won awards for showing excellence in engineering, as part of the 14-19 rning pathways, pro viding the opportunity for young people to study vocational courses in engineering at Barry College, with 'industry recognised' qualifications alongside their GCSEs. On Wednesday, June

24, we celebrated Vocational Qualifications Day (VQ Day) with an event in the Senedd, to showcase

the work of students, with awards for the 2009 Vocational Qualification Heroes who have excelled in their vocational achievements.

Wales has led the way in making this a special day in the calendar of events to celebrate suc-cess and achievement in education.

brochure published by the Welsh Assembly Government on VQ Day, launched by my Deputy, John Griffiths AM, a Barry student, Lauren Furnish, is featured.

track to become a highly-paid chartered accountant at the age of 22 and she has chosen the vocational route to achieve this

She is working for her Association of Certified Chartered Accountants (ACCA) qualifications, which she opes to achieve by 2011, thanks to her work-based learning programme with the Vale of Glamorgan Training
Association (VGTA) and Barry College.

John Griffiths said: "Thankfully, and rightly so, vocational qualifica-tions are now achieving the credit they deserve, being valued in their own right and acknowledges as key routes to rewarding careers and higher education.

It is worth noting that in Wales, 46,890 National Vocational Qualifications (NVQ) have been gained and in addition, 75,190 learners have secured Vocationally Related Qualifications (VRQ)

ASSEMBLY NOTES



by Jane Hutt AM (Minister for Children, Education, Lifelong Learning and Skills)

through our schools, further education colleges, universities and work based learning arrangements.

You can progress as a result of hard work this year, onwards to the next stage in this route, to a rewarding career and further qualifications.

Where Now?

This leads me to my main message this week to all those who are enjoying a well-earned rest after exams at GCSE, AS and A levels including the Welsh Baccalaureate

You will all be receiving your personal copy of the 2009-10 Guide Where Now? as the results come through. with clear guidance about your options.

I have mentioned the Learning Pathways for 14-19-year-olds. To find

www.wales.gov.uk/learni

ngpathways.
There will also be information on vocational routes and the 'Welsh Bac', as well as access to further and higher education, access to jobs, training and apprenticeships.

There is an eight per cent uplift in applica-tions to universities this year, and my statement to the Assembly on Tuesday included our commitment to widening opportunities for access to university, and our commitment to promote world class research in Wales.
We urge our young

people to stay in educa-tion as we seek to lead Wales out of the recession, with measures to support young people to revent them from becoming unemployed and to back them if they find themselves in this situation, with the new Youth Guarantee of training and jobs being developed with local authorities and the voluntary sector.

As we celebrate Vocational Qualifications Day, we assert the importance of all routes to educational achievement in Wales -through school, college, work, university and the community - a true com-mitment to lifelong learning and the satisfaction and reward that can bring for us all.

Come

to the fete! HE 56th Barry **District Scout** and Guide annual fete, will take place at Romilly Park on Saturday, July 4, with the official opening at 1.15pm. This year's fete will celebrate 100 years of

Sea Scouting and will feature displays from the

Welsh Bockers, Barry Kyokushin Karate Club and the Welsh Piping Society, as well as a return of the It's A Knock Out-style compe-

Programmes are now on sale (£1.50 in

advance, £2 on the day) from all Scout and

Guide groups in the dis-

Look out for the recruitment stall near the Arena Podium where

volunteers will be on hand to answer any questions regarding Scouting and Guiding.

The annual fete is one of the largest open-air

events in the Vale. and

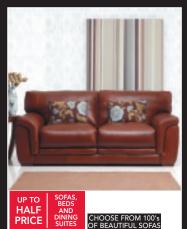
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COUNCILS LAY DOWN SWINE FLU CONTINGENCY PLAN

'Potential for significant increase in deaths if pandemic strikes' -warning

A CONTINGENCY plan has been drawn up in the area to cope with any increased deaths from the **Swine Flu pandemic.** The plan, which considers all

levels of threat, including a worst case scenario', applies to the way in which Coychurch Crematorium will operate and also takes increased demand for burials into account.

The crematorium is jointly

operated by the Bridgend, Rhondda Cynon Taff, and Vale councils

A report to the management committee revealed that an exercise was carried out in April at the time of the outbreak of the flu

All councils in Wales took part in this exercise which was to see how the effects of a pandemic can be mitigated.

Although the current outbreak appears to be less virulent than first expected, the report warns that there is potential for a 'significant increase' in deaths.

The report states that if there is a big additional demand for cremation, Bridgend and Vale Councils may have to set up a body-holding area near to the cre-

The management committee may also have to increase cremations to 315 a week, extend the days and hours of operation at the crematorium, reduce the amount of time available for services, and hour shifts from 8am-3pm and

suspend other administrative work until the emergency has ended. The report states that if the crematorium starts to get towards its maximum capacity, cremations from outside the areas of the three councils will be stopped to allow preference to residents within the three areas

The report says that figures were produced by central government at the time of Avian Flu and it was estimated that out of a population of 132,400 in Bridgend, there would be 2,122 deaths over a 15-week period, including nor-

The estimated peak would be 388 deaths in week six, based on a fatality rate of 2.5 per cent and an attack rate of 50 per cent. But swine flu appears to be

less deadly, so these figures may be reduced.

The National Public Health Service for Wales will be in charge of any pandemic and local hospitals will only be able to admit patients with added complications from the flu virus. The plan assumes that some people will die at home from the disease.

At the moment, there are up to 10 cremations a day, with 30minute services.

If a pandemic scenario increases the demand to 15 cremations a day in a five-day week, the standby cremator would have to be used on top of the two main ones.

Alternatively, the crematorium would have to operate two seven

Rachel's 'dangly bits of jewellery'

from 3pm-10pm.
If there was a need to have a seven-day working week, a maximum of 315 cremations could take place in a week. Extra external lighting may be required for the car parks at night.

If staff themselves fall ill dur-ing the outbreak, the organist would work in the office, with staff from other council departments drafted in to answer phones and type basic informa-

tion into the computers.

Cleaning staff may also be deployed from outside to clean the chapel and toilets to release crematorium staff for other work

The report also looks at burials within Bridgend and says that if there was a significant increase in demand, they would be restricted to four cemeteries – Maesteg, Sarn, Laleston and Pencoed.

There may be further restrictions, including a refusal to reopen existing graves, as some of these have to be hand-excavated and a refusal for three-depth graves because of the extra time involved.

The four cemeteries could accommodate up to 60 burials a week but if extra labour was brought in to extend working hours, there could be 110 burials a week. Extra equipment may have to be hired and external contractors brought to help.

Additional telephone numbers may be brought into use for burial and cremation services to cope with the demand.

Vale MP's expenses can now be viewed online

MEMBERS of Parliament hope that the publication on the internet of their expenses for the four years 2004 – 2008 will be the

end of the matter. However, there is so much material on view that the whole debate could drag on for many more months yet.
One national newspa-

per (The Guardian), faced with half a million pages of expenses to trawl through, has posted them all on the web, and has invited readers to flag up claims that are of interest.

So far, 20,000 readers have logged on. It will be a long time before people start to believe that no stone has been

left unturned.

However, in the case of Vale MP John Smith, there are not so many invoices to plough through, because Mr Smith has, throughout the four years, claimed 'round totals' each month for items such as utility bills - rather than submitting his receipts.

Mr Smith is standing down at the next election for health reasons. The rules at the time meant that MPs did not have to submit receipts for items under £250. There was also an allowance of £400 per month for food – again with no require-

ment to hand in a he continued to claim that allowance when the

receipt.

To take a random three-month period (April, May, and June, of 2004), Mr Smith's expenses reveal that he claimed £1,200 for food, £700 for utilities, £300 council tax, £700 for telephone and telecommunications, £700 for cleaning, £700 for service/maintenance, and £700 for repairs/insur-

ance/security.

Jump forward two years to the same period (May, June, July of 2006) and the same categories are still in use, but the amounts are sometimes different.

Food is still £1,200, while utilities are £500. and council tax is £225. Telephones and telecom munications are £500, cleaning has fallen to £500, service/maintenance is now £500 and repairs/insurance/security is also £500

According to a recent 'league table' Mr Smith has claimed the maximum in food allowances (£4,800 for a year) three years out of four. In 2005/06, he claimed

MPs argue that the food allowance reflects the cost of eating in the

What's on in the

Vale – IN BRIEF

REPORT by PHILIP IRWIN Smith's claims show that

> House was in recess. In a typical year, the House has several periods when it is in recess. totalling around three months.

On the web each MP has published details of three files: the Additional Costs Allowance (ACA); the Incidental Expenses Provision (IEP) and the Communications Allowances (CA).
The details quoted so

far in this piece all come from the ACA, which has a 'no receipt required for less than £250' rule. The IEP covers, in the

main, expenses at the MP's two offices, in Westminster and the constituency. Staff costs are not included. They are published elsewhere (as a total figure) but individual salaries for an MP's employees are confidential.

The rules are different for the IEP, and here all invoices are listed. including £9.32 to a local newsagent – presumably for the paper

The IEP is where the dreaded word 'redacted' is in evidence. Thick black blocks obscure various details. For instance, on page 70 of the 2007/08 IEP, there is an invoice which reveals that Mr Smith's office has a regular 'some-thing' at £2.65 per week

It must be a pretty unimportant item, but all details are blacked out.

Another example relates to Mr Smith's constituency office in Barry. The address for the office is widely publicised, yet there is a payment on June 1, 2007, to the Vale of Glamorgan CLP for £463.02 rent on a property which can only be his constituency office

but the address has been blacked out. Mr Smith has, of

course, published his annual reports over the years in The GEM and other newspapers. The GEM's invoice is included, but the address has been redacted – although our address here in Cowbridge is not difficult to find.

However, the main criticism of the practice of redaction has been that it can hide the prac-tice of 'flipping' – when an MP changes the designation of his or her first and second home.

This is not a charge that is relevant in Mr Smith's case, as he has always rented a flat in London. He has also, in comparison, with fellow MPs, never been a high

spender. In 2006/07, 564 MPs spent more than he did, while in 2007/08, 295

MPs spent more.
In a statement, Mr
John Smith MP told The

"I frequently stayed in London during recess and election campaigns as I was involved in a number of national cam-paigns in London. All my claims were within the rules at the time and cleared by the House Authorities.

"The records show that historically I have been one of the lowest claimants of parliamen tary expenses. I do not own a second home, have never made extravagant claims or claimed for any luxury goods, and all my personal claims have gone towards the day-to-day cost of working and living in London.

"Because I believe in transparency, the people of the Vale can view on my website www.johnsmithmp.co.uk details of my expenses claims in full. Î also publish on this website the details of my expenses claims as they are being made.

WENVOE WI

N June 4, due to the community centre being unavailable because of the European Parliament elec-

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tions, members of Wenvoe WI met instead at St Mary's Church Hall, where Rachel

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type of jewellery began when she came across boxes of beads belonging to her grandmother. After studying art at

college, she became even more interested in designing and making fashion jewellery.

She had brought along many examples of her work, some finding their way home with members.

Raffle winner: Vera

Eira Jervis has become chairman of Wenvoe Community Council.

The next meeting on July 2 at the Community Centre is for members only – a social evening with strawberries and cream.

There will also be a return visit from Viv Truran with more revelations about her holi-

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ry tea fair will be held at Plas Llanmihangel. on Sunday, June 28, at 3pm.
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Cantemus and Hercules team up for concert in Penarth

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Cantemus twice before, most recently during the performance of Monterverdi's Vespers in Llandaff Cathedral last November.

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Tickets for St Augustine's, Penarth (£16, £12 concessions) are available on 02920 619436, or at the door. Further details by email rgcourt@ntlfrom world.com.

AM's surgery THE Vale AM, Jane Hutt, will be holding a surgery tomorrow Friday, June 26, between 4pm-6pm at 115 High Street, Barry. No appointment is needed.

Tea party A STRAWBERRY tea party in aid of Cancer Research UK, will be held at Fontygary Leisure Park, on Saturday (June 27) at 12.30pm-3.30pm. Family fun.



NEWS TREOES, LLANGAN & ST MARY HILL Your local correspondent is Nancy Davidge, "Tynewydd", Llangan. (01656) 860303

COMMUNITY

Musical concert

CANNA'S Llangan was filled to capacity for the concert, presented by Pontyclun-based The Minnesingers, which took place on Friday, June 19..

The all-male entertain-Cwm Rhondda was really 1pm). excellent.

Peter Raikes.

Hall events FORTHCOMING Mary Hill community hall:

Tomorrow (June 26). Tolliofrow (Julie 20), Bullseye evening, 7.30pm; July 5, fun sports day on Fferm Goch Green, 2pm; July 23, arts and crafts, 2pm-4pm, in the village hall, followed by July 30, Pottery painting, 2pm-

Llangan ers surpassed all expecta-tions. Their repertoire SPORTS day is taking consisted of Welsh and place today (June 25). English popular songs. I Summer fair, Saturday, thought their version of our own Welsh hymn fle will be drawn at

There will be refresh-Prayers were said by ments, a barbecue, cake our own Rev Canon stall, books and toys, face painting and plant stall.

The school is in need events at Llangan St of volunteers on the day.



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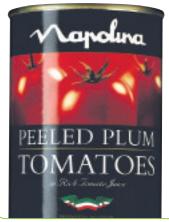
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BARRY AND PENARTH CADETS TAKE PART IN HISTORY WITH THE D-DAY VETERANS



CADETS from Barry and Penarth recently attended the 65th D-Day celebrations in Normandy.

They were part of a group of 24 Cadets from Cardiff and the Vale who were selected to represent the Dyfed and Glamorgan Army Cadet force.

They arrived at Arromanches after a long journey and the Mayor of Arromanches allowed use of the local football field to be turned into a camp for 600 adults and Cadets from the Sea cadets, Army Cadet Force and Air Training Corps.

The Cadets attended a British Legion service at Granville Cemetery, where they could see in the distance paratroopers being dropped onto a bridge on one side of them and on the other a flyby of a Lancaster and two Spiffires.

flyby of a Lancaster and two Spitfires.

They had the opportunity to walk across Pegasus Bridge before they were taken to Bayeux Cemetery for a service.

Bayeux Cemetery for a service.

The following day they revisited Bayeux
Cemetery to line the route for the service which
Prince Charles attended. Cadet Sergeant Major
Sean Williams carried the Standard and had the
opportunity to meet Prince Charles after the
service.

Some of the Cadets attended the service at Arromanches, which was televised. They visited

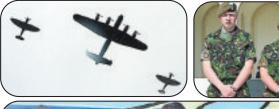


the beach where the D-Day landings were reenacted. The beach was covered with Jeeps, motorbikes trucks and soldiers.

The Cadets had many opportunities to speak to the veterans, who recounted some of their experiences.

It enabled the Cadets to have some understanding of what the veterans went through.







ABOVE: The Cadets get a moment to relax while in France.





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Almost a clean sweep for Ysgol Bro Morgannwg at the Urdd Eisteddfod

PUPILS at Bro Morgannwg competed in a staggering total of 22 competitions at the Urdd National Eisteddfod during Whitsun half term, following their astonishing display at the regional eisteddfod against Glantaf and

Plasmawr.
It was almost a clean sweep of events and the following went forward to compete on the national stage of the Wales Millennium

RESULTS

Folk song solo under-e: second, Ellen Williams Girls' solo under-19: third, Ffion Perrett. Cerdd Dant Duet under-19: third, Ellen and Lisa Williams. Duet under-19: first, Ellen and Lisa Williams. Lisa Williams.
Recitation group under19: third Ysgol Bro
Morgannwg. Folk dance
under-19: third Ysgol
Bro Morgannwg. Harp Solo under-19: third Martha Holyman. Musical duet under-10. third, Martha Holyman and Megan Morris



ABOVE: Ellen Williams



ABOVE: Ffion Perrett.



ABOVE: Martha Holyman.

Evening out for Llanharry WI

HE June meeting is traditionally an evening out. This year, members enjoyed a relaxing trip around Cardiff Bay by road, rail and boat. The weather was glorious and a wonderful time was had by all.

On June 16 members were treated to a fashion show organised by Bon Marche, Bridgend. We were joined by seven members from Llanblethian WI one of our link institutes. Our models were Rita Butt, Ann Lewis, Doreen Jobbins and Margaret Howells, who professionally showed off the wide variety of clothes.

The next meeting is on July 7 when a talk will be given about cheese.



ABOVE: Recitation group under-19: third, Ysgol Bro Morgannwg.



ABOVE: Ellen and Lisa Williams.

All change at the Inner Wheel..

THE retiring president of Barry Inner Wheel, Judith Hunt, held a luncheon at her home, which was well supported by members and friends.

The proceeds were donated to her chosen charity

the 'Christian Lewis Trust'.

The new president is Tina Evans, of Peterston-super-Ely, with Jean Lewis, secretary, and Beth Longley, treasurer.

BACK FROM THE DEAD! IAN THANKS EMERGENCY STAFF WHO SAVED HI

A BUILDER from Barry, brought back to life an incredible 12 times. has been reunited with the "heroic" Welsh Ambulance Service staff who saved him.

The three emergency staff fought for an hour to save 35-year-old Ian Burston after he suffered a massive heart attack at his girlfriend's home.

And now the father of two from Barry has had the chance to thank them in person, when they visited him as he recovers from his ordeal.

The incident happened at about 8am, on April 15, when Mr Burston collapsed at his girlfriend's home after feeling unwell on his way to work.

Ambulance crew Adrian Cook and Steve Jones were on the scene within a minute, closely followed by paramedic Gareth Williams in a rapid response vehicle.

Gareth, from Barry, a paramedic for 23 years, said: "He's a very, very lucky boy. The crew were there very quickly and began treatment

immediately.
"He was in cardiac arrest when they got there and he was in and out of cardiac arrest for 30 minutes. He was flat-

lining.
"We shocked him 12 times and gave him the appropriate drugs, but to begin with, there was no shockable rhythm and we had to work at him with CPR - cardio-pulmonary resuscitation and oxygen before we could shock him.

"We'd get his heart going and then it would go into fibrillation and we'd have to shock him again.

"You do get people



back, but 12 times is pretty incredible. To all intents and purposes he was dead, so it's a nice outcome. I've done few, but none quite like

Ambulance technician Adrian Cook added: They don't happen like

this very often. "This was a 35-yearold fit and healthy man with no history of heart trouble and he was clinically dead for half an hour – and now he's made a full recovery -

that's amazing."

Mr Burston was taken to the University Hospital of Wales in Cardiff, where he had a stent, a tiny tube to sup-port an artery in the heart, fitted during a two-week stay.

He is now recovering

well at home in Burlington Street, Barry, and said: "I feel as good as new now, although I still can't drive - but if the ambulance team hadn't arrived so soon, I

Pictured with heart attack survivor Ian Burston, second left, are paramedic Gareth Williams and ambulance technicians Adrian Cook and Stephen Railton-Jones.

would be brain-damaged have made a big differor dead.

"I know I wouldn't have been waking up at all if it weren't for the work they did on me."

Ian's father Dave added: "His girlfriend phoned the ambulance and they were there so fast - well before me and I was there within five minutes.

"They worked on him for over an hour on the floor, and while they normally only resusci-tate three times, they

kept trying and trying.
"They had the defibrillators out – thinking back it was horrible, but they were so professional. They didn't give up.

"For us, these people are heroes. It is a hard job they have got, and they go over and above the call of duty.

"I am sure we are not the only family they

ence to. Heroic is the only word to describe

Ian added: "I had left to go to work, but I was feeling sick — so I went back home and col-lapsed on the floor in

my girlfriend's kitchen. "She phoned 999, but I can't really remember what happened – I was told I had nearly died, but all I remember is

waking up in hospital. "It was probably worse for everyone else at the time. "But I am feeling

much better. I can't drive or go back to work just yet, but I have been told that I will make a full recovery, thanks to the Barry crew.
"They have even been

to visit me. I couldn't have asked for more.

"We are lucky to have them in our town!

YFC barn dance Maendy THE Maendy YFC staff will request ID if a dinner and dance at

annual barn dance appropriate. is taking place this Saturday, June 27, contact Stacey T at Windmill Farm, 585041. Llansannor.

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Last Friday, (June 19) entertainment. saw Glamorgan YFC celin this area.

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News in and out of class at St David's Church in Wales school, Colwinston

ABOVE: Nia and William of year-4 were preparing food.

Pupils are taking care of their environment

PUPILS at St David's Church-in-Wales Primary School. Colwinston, recently celebrated World Environment Day with a host of activities.

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The day was organised by teacher Leah Croke, and members – adults and pupils –of the Eco and Fairtrade committees.

Parents and villagers supported the day by buying plants, books, Fairtrade products and fruit kebabs from the stalls – which raised almost

Each class presented a workshop concerned with recycling, solar cook ing, water conservation, or litter picking in the village



ABOVE: Grown-up helpers Felicity, Caroline and Jess were preparing fruit kebabs.

STARS FOR WALES



ABOVE: Year-6 pupil Joe Davies recently captained the Welsh under-11 rugby team. The school believes this is the first time that a Vale pupil has been awarded the honour. Joe is pictured (above) with governor Geoff Bates and headteacher Nigel Kinsey.

Transforming a wheelbarrow!



RIGHT and BELOW: St David's Colwinston were the winners of their category when year-2 pupils decorated a heelbarrow for the RHS Horticultural Show in Cardiff witha peacock theme.

The pupils are pictured with their teacher, Kim Lewis, classroom assistant Gemma Carter, and school caretaker Robert Thomas.

The prize was £100 from Legal and General,. Three pupils,

James, Zoe and

Imogen, are pic-tured (below) at the cheque presentation ceremony.



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ABOVE: The reception class at St David's Primary recently brought their teddies to school for a picnic on a sunny day!



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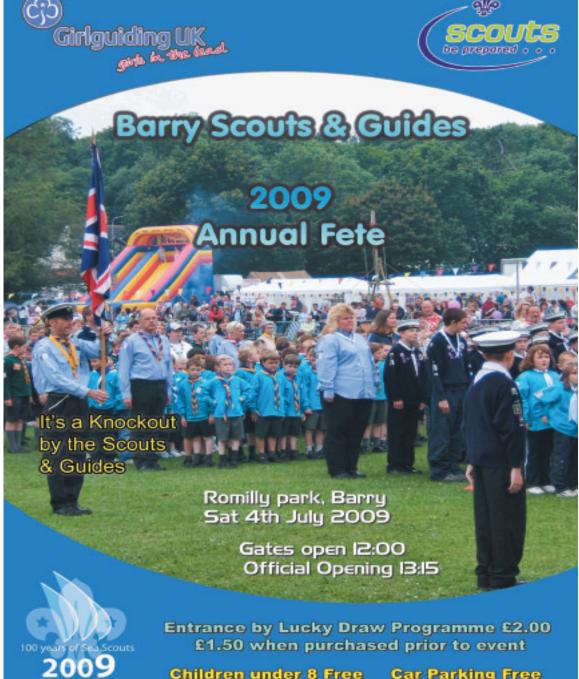
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ABOVE: So, what is the collective noun for a group of harps? The GEM was surprised to find that, according to Wiktionary, it is a 'twangle'! success and this looks to

THE Ewenny Arts Festival is presenting Sound of Summer, as part of the Third Annual Youth Festival.

The first festival concert is to be held at Ewenny Priory Church tomorrow(Friday, June

26) at 7pm.
The concert will feature St David's Church in Wales school choir; St Brides Major Church in Wales school choir; Tjodalyng Skolekorps school band from Norway; and talented local young pianists Matthew Reynolds and Honor Wainwright.

Also appearing will be Rotary Young Musician of the Year winner, cellist Ben Tarlton; and Celtic harp ensemble 'Alaw y Telynau' ('Harmonious Harps').

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'Alaw y Telynau' ('Harmonious Harps') is an ensemble of 10 young girls from Ysgol Iolo Morganwg and one boy, Ioan Wardhaugh, from Llangan Primary School

A spokeswoman said: "The last two youth fes-tivals have been a great

AN exciting new Spelling Bee adven-ture has been launched in local schools by Barry Comprehensive.

Teams of three pupils in years 7, 8 and 9 from Stanwell, St Cyres Comprehensive, Ysgol Bro Morgannwg, as well as Barry Comprehensive, are competing in a series of heats at each of the schools

The pupils are asked to spell 10 words during each heat The final, to be held on July 8, will determine the overall winning spelling school, and an individual win-



Year-8 spellers concentrate as the competition progresses.

ning pupil from each of the three year area

e three year groups The first of these events took place on Wednesday, June 10, at Barry Comprehensive, and all pupils displayed excellent spelling skills, with high scores being awarded to all.

In the lead so far for year-7 is Barry Comprehensive with 30/30; for year-8, Stanwell Comprehensive lead with 30/30; and for year-9, joint leaders are Stanwell Comprehensive and St Cyres Comprehensive.

The scores will be accumulated as the heats progress, and schools will enter the final on July 8 with an individual score out of 40 and a team score out of 120. Good luck, spellers!

LEFT: Year-9 spellers during the first heat at Barry Comprehensive.



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NEWS FROM PENARTH COMPUTER CLUB

Notes on remembering the computing basics

I REMEMBER some years ago. being fascinated by a skiing statistic...It was along the lines that a skier had a one in 16 chance of breaking a limb on his first skiing holi-

After several years of acquiring the relevant skills, his chances of breaking a limb on a skiing holiday increased

to one in four!
The logic was
explained thus: as a beginner, he would have lots of falls but would do himself no serious damage because his speed was so slow.

However, after years of improvement, his speed increased to the point that any single accident was likely to break a limb.

In the computing world, there are similar stories indicating that being more skillful does-'t mean that you are less likely to make a

in 1969

mistake. The extra skill often gives rise to the pride of overconfidence before the inevitable fall.

I once had a colleague who was in charge of a large database that was constantly being updated (by a part-timer

inputting data three days week)

When he told me that the system had crashed I sympathised with the extra work involved in re-establishing the database from the back-up

He then confessed that the files had not been backed up for three

And he was the chap who was nagging every-body else to make frequent backups.

It is commonly accepted in the computer world that the only peo-ple who do not back up their files regularly are those who have not lost any. Yet.

In the same vein, a friend who was expert in computing was present-

CHARITY JAZZ

IN THE FIELD

AN open air jazz evening is taking place

this weekend at Coity - to raise cash for a

local charity which gives disabled people

The Bridgend branch of the Riding for the Disabled Association is holding the event at

Longacre Farm, Coity, on Saturday (June 27). The

gates open at 6pm, with the music starting at 8pm. A spokesman said: "It is a fine setting and we are

hoping for fine weather. However, we can move

everything into the indoor riding school if it's wet ." He added: "This year's event is part of RDA

(Coity) branch's 40th birthday celebrations, and it

is dedicated to the late Barbara Ladbrooke who.

together with her husband John, founded the group

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tacting consumers who Standards do not, under

have recently had gar- any circumstances, ask

ident's behalf.

Α Vale

More information can be obtained by visiting

Bogus traders targeting

householders – warning

the chance to go horse riding.

http://jazzinthefield.com/index.php

'to be vigilant' as

targeting the area.
Claiming to be from

Standards', they are con-

ed with a problem by a novice. He was trying to copy a lot of little files to a floppy disk (remem-ber those?), but the

copying kept stalling before all the files were copied, in spite of there being ample room on the floppy.

The expert struggled

manfully without suc-cess, until he went back to basics and remem-bered that the root directory of a floppy disk can handle only 64 files or directories.

As there were more than that to be copied, the system could not copy them into the root. However, there is no such restriction on a subdirectory.

The system happily copied all the files into a single sub-directory at the first attempt.

Why am I recalling these examples?
For years I have had

no requirement for coloured prints and have been content to enjoy the quality of a black-only (mono) laser printer.

Colour laser printers were expensive and I couldn't justify the cost. Now my mono laser is old and is making warning noises with every

I decided that colour laser printers are now within my budget (its cost now less than originally paid for the mono laser!) and took the

My new piece of kit looked great and pro-

duced a superb test print.
The simplest way to test colour printing was to print out a few sample pictures, as I have no variety of colour documents on my computer because I only print in

black or grey-scale. I was surprised when

the colour photographs were produced in grey. Experiments showed that the colours were being used to make the greys. because when instructed to print in grey the result

was clearly different. I checked all the installation and set-up instructions carefully, but the printer would print only in grey, even after being told to use the colours

An email to the sup pliers elicited a reply offering instructions on making all the correct settings. The instructions matched precisely what I was already doing.

I went back to the

golden rules of comput-ing. One of the rules that I emphasise to people is that computers are NOT intelligent, in spite of the seemingly complex things that they do.

They are capable only of doing exactly what they are told to do.

Therefore, I must be telling it to print out in grey, even when it is clearly instructed to use the colours.

To test this theory, I

created a Word docu-

ment using colours.

It printed beautifully

without any problem.
Reasoning that the "print in grey" instruc-tion must therefore be in the photo-editing soft-ware, I looked through

the Page Set Up menu. Hey presto, I found that (years ago) I had set

a requirement to print only in greyscale! Problem solved; les-son learned; humility restored and hopefully a useful note of warning for others!

Remember the basics always! HD

ON Sunday, June 28, at

10am-6pm, an unusual

specialist nurseries from

plants fair, including

Plants fair

'WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS!' Does this acting school have most talented group in area?

THE competitive edge is part of modern day society – not just in sport, but also the entertainments industry - and one local performing arts class can boast eight champions in a single class!

The Ferris Entertainment Academy of Performing Arts class which is held in the Conservative Club at Penarth, has an amazing eight Welsh champions in its ranks.

Acting coach Peter Ferris said: "I have been teaching screen acting for more than 23 years, but none of the classes have had such an incredible range of talents in a single room.'

In the past, Peter has taught the likes of Martine McCutcheon, Louise Redknapp, Sheree Murphy and Russell Brand, so he knows a thing or two about it takes for

someone to succeed in the showbiz world

Peter said that having so many driven youngsters in one room means they are all highly motivated.

He commented: Their competitive edge comes out when they are in our class-es, and it is incredible how it has encouraged them to get better and better so quickly."

The champions are: Natalie Stokes,

aged 16 from Barry, who is the Welsh Free Ice Dance Champion.

Danielle Evans (15) from Penarth, is the Welsh Compulsory Ice Dance Champion

Lewis Jenkins (15) from Barry, is the European and British under-16 individual line dance champion, and came second in the World

Championships. Becky Jenkins (10) is the Welsh under-13 individual line dance champion.

Bethan Thorngate (14) and Elise Tyler (14) are both from

ABOVE: Some of the acting school's champions (pictured above) are Louise Howard, Lewis Jenkins, Luke Waddon, Bethan Thorngate, Natalie Stokes and Elise Taylor.

Barry and were two of winner of the most the dance crew who won the Welsh Street Dance Championships

Louise Howard (14) from Bridgend is a black belt at Karate and won two golds medals at the European Karate Championships. She will soon be representing Wales in New

Luke Waddon (13) from Wenvoe, was the promising singer category in the Vale 2008. Peter added: "If

there is any other school that has more champions I would like to know about it!"

If you know of a talented group of young-sters who deserve to be recognised please contact The GEM on email ggem@internet-today.co.uk.

Founder tells of the success of ValePlus special needs scheme

International of ValePlus.

She is well known to many Soroptimists as she and associated problems. was chosen for the Club members were Club's 'Women in the pleased to be brought up-Community' Award in to- date, learning that achievement in setting up

THE guest speaker in High Street, Barry at the June meeting of Soroptimist Melanie and her husband responsible in the street of re-mortgaging home) and set up their (Barry and District) centre which provides was Melanie Carter educational, social and vocational opportunities for adults with learning

Community' Award in to- date, learning that 2003 for her outstanding over 100 people (with ages ranging from 17 to ValePlus.

In 2001, Melanie, es run by Melanie, Steve

Melanie receives the cheque from president Iris.

In 2001, Melanie, es run by Melanie, Steve also in High Street. to present Melanie with a together with fellow teacher Steve Thomas, gave up their secure jobs reach centre in Llantwit as special needs teachers, Major and their own lbight a disused chapel charity shop, NOVA, ed to take the opportunity earlier in the month.

'Microchipping pets can avoid

Council



ABOVE: 'Here's one we chipped earlier!'

VALE residents are rogue trader in police reported immediately, being warned to be custody and if the resi"If you dent pays a cash fee then approached by such an they will be able to gain individual, make a note of their description and where possible the registration and description of the vehicle.

'South Wales Trading spokeswoman said this Standards', they are con-week: "Trading "Pass this information to our Trading Standards dening or outside build-residents to pay a fee to department on 01446 ing work done on their recover money from 709105, or contact property.

They claim to have a requests should be on 08454 04 05 06". departmenton

across Wales and the Borders, is being hosted by Dyffryn Gardens. at St Nicholas. There is free entry to the plants fair located in the main car park,

before the admission point

For further information, telephone 01446

distress' – say Conservative AMs A CALL has been made for all dog owners to ensure that their pets microchipped. Vale Conservative parliamentary candidate Alun

Cairns has backed the campaign as part of National Microchipping Month, run by Petlog. The campaign will be running throughout June and aims to encourage responsible pet ownership.

with microchipping their preferred method of permanent pet identification. Mr Cairns said: "Losing a pet is a very distressing

but knowing that they have been microchipped can bring great peace of mind because if they are found your data will be on the register enabling you to be

PUPILS' ORCHESTRA WILL HOLD EVENING SOIREE IN COWBRIDGE



ABOVE: The Primary Cluster Links Orchestra (PCLO) and friends - made up of pupils from local primary schools - is to hold its first 'Evening Soiree ap of papers from total primary schools - 2s to hood as Just Deering solve on Tuesday, July 7, at the sixth form hall, Cowbridge Comprehensive School. A spokeswoman for the orchestra said: "The soiree will begin at 7pm, tickets are £2, and members of the public are welcome".

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Music in the Vale finalists at Senedd

LAST Friday, for the fourth year running, Music in the Vale finalists were able to enjoy the accoustics of the Senedd building, Cardiff Bay, at a reception hosted by Jane Hutt, Minister for Education and the Vale Assembly Member.

"I was delighted to host a concert in the Senedd for the 2008 Music in the Vale Young ty to showcase their talents in our landmark building to families,

friends and supporters.
"The young singers and instrumentalists competition, held at Ysgol Bro Morgannwg in Barry each year, is run by volunteers who are committed to giving opportunities for our talented young musicians in south east Wales to compete and perform to develop their skills and

experience.
"I am proud to be associated with Music in Musicians of the Year, to the Vale and to congratugive them the opportunilate these outstanding

> RIGHT: Jane Hutt (AM), Megan Morris, Epsie Thompson, Amelia Jones, Jodi Bird, Ben Tarlton, Joy Cornock. Clarke Alonzi, Darcie Lili Hamilton, Rhydian Jenkins, Dawn Déchamps,

young people who per-formed so beautifully in the Senedd on Friday evening," the AM said.

Secretary Dawn Déchamps said: "Thanks to Jane Hutt initiating the first reception and offering a performance slot for our finalists, the committee started to work on finding additional performance opportunities

lowing the competition. Last week's Senedd concert was actually the third of the four per-formance opportunities that Music in the Vale have offered their final-

ists this year.

The fourth free opportunity will be on August 22 (1pm-2pm), on the Glanfa stage in the Wales Millennium Centre.

The next Music in the

Vale competition will take place in Barry on November 28 and 29.

For more information visit the web site: www.musicinthevale.org uk or contact the Secretary, Music in the Vale, Six Wells Farmhouse, Vale Business Park, Cowbridge, CF71 7PF, (telephone 01446 771318).



Do you have suggestions for future of historic organ?

THE London and ed hugely from a long-South of England Chapter of the American Theatre **Organ Society** (ATOS) has received notice under the terms of their agreement with Barry Town Council that the famous Regal Edmonton 4/16 Christie Theatre Organ has to be removed from the magnificent setting of Barry Memorial Hall.

Since the organ's opening concert on St David's Day 1987, Barry and ATOS have benefit-

running series of dances played throughout by David Redfern, plus concerts featuring artists from here and overseas. Unfortunately, falling

audience numbers and the introduction of a board of trustees and a change of hall management requiring higher hire charges, meant ATOS had to suspend

concert activity.

We could not present concerts running at a loss for a sustained period.

ATOS have been negotiating with the Memorial Hall trustees with a view to re-start concert activity with

their support, and we have spent a considerable time trying to produce a positive outcome.
The 12-month notice

for removal has now been served.

All who have been involved in presenting and supporting our events over the years at Barry are warmly thanked by the ATOS Chapter Committee.

It is time therefore to consider a new phase in the life of this historic instrument. I welcome any thoughts on a future home from readers. Len Rawle, 132 Berry Lane, Chorleywood, Herts, WD3 4BT; telephone 01923 720511.

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Pupils turn out for duck race

THERE was great excitement in Cowbridge, last Saturday (June 20) for the 'Duck for Dad' race, staged for Father's Day by Y Bont Faen School.

The launch into the river by year-4 pupils took place at 12pm on the bridge on the High Street, amid great excitement from the children who had come to cheer on their ducks.

Children from the school, accompanied by mums, dads, grandpar-ents, aunties, uncles and friends, made their way through the park and cheered the ducks along the river bank

It was a tricky obstacle-filled course and,

with any demanding stragglers along the way who were all rescued by a vear-4 pupil, James, who was responsible for getting in and out of the river for the stranded ducks.

Richard Watson, chairman of the PTA along with another parent, Dave Sims, leapt in to help James when the number of ducks was overwhelming him!

James even rescued some ducks which had refused to budge after the race had long finished and everyone had gone home. They were numbers 73, 97, 130 and

The ducks made their way slowly along the



James was in charge of rescuing lost ducks.

river towards the finish line, the bridge in Twt Park. Richard, Dave and James then waded in and waited for the ducks to arrive, where all were

eventually retrieved. Prizes for the first three ducks to cross the finishing line were kind-

ly donated by Costco, who provided sweets for all the children.

Many families then took advantage of the dry weather for the planned 'Picnic in the Park

Thanks go to all those that attended and to all the PTA

Members/Volunteers who helped the event run so smoothly.

The event raised more than £185 towards the Y Bont Faen PTA School Fund and I am sure the winning duck will be ready to defend the title next year!

Winning ducks: First, Harry Holtam, second, Crossman and third, Erin Caddy.

Junior schoolchildren try their hand at pond-dipping

MORE than 60 pupils and teachers from Cadoxton Junior School were invited to East Aberthaw Nature Reserve – as part of Wales Biodiversity Action Week.

The reserve, owned by RWE npower's Aberthaw Power Station, and managed in partnership with the Wildlife Trust of South & East Wales, has a varied habitat – from woodland, grassland, coastal and lagoon

Wildlife Trust volunteers conducted a nature ramble and pond-dipping exercise during the event sponsored by Aberthaw Power Station and supported by Brandon Hire.



ABOVE: Both pupils and teachers had a great day pond-dipping at East Aberthaw Nature Reserve.

Cylch Meithrin Y Bont-faen wants to meet more parents

Cylch Meithrin Y Bont-faen is having a cheese and wine evening on Thursday, July 2, for parents interested in learning more about Welsh medium pre-school education.

The evening will be an opportunity to see the new unit behind the leisure centre at the Boardshoard in

Cowbridge.
The Cylch Meithrin follows the foundation phase, where children 'learn through play'.
Amanda Boyd (Cylch

manager) and her team will be available to

answer on enrolment.
The children have had a wonderful term. The garden at the Cylch is coming along and they have had lots of fun in the outside space available. There was even a visit from a baby lamb! The children have

been learning about RIGHT: The children at the

Physic Garden.

shapes this term, and spotted many shapes on a trip to Twt park and

the Physic Garden.
The children also called in to Holy Cross Church and admired the many shapes and colours in the stained glass win-dows. There are opportunities to learn every-

Cylch Meithrin Y Bont-faen provides Welsh medium preschool education for all children from two years.

Contact Amanda Boyd on 01446 776250 for

TRACEY SIMPSON



ABOVE: Pupils on gardening duty.



Group aim to end use of plastic bags



resident Margaret McMillan with a Vale jute bag.

LEFT:

Penarth

A NEW 'green' group, campaigning against plastic carrier bags, has been backed by the Vale Council.

Penarth-based 'Gwyrddio Penarth Greening' (GPG) wants residents and businesses to become more aware of the environmental cost of using plastic bags by looking at alterna-tives such as reusable jute bags.

Council waste aware-

ness officer Vicky Gowin recently took to the streets of Penarth with Gwyrddio Penarth Greening's chair, Tricia Griffiths, and their plastic bag awareness project leader, Alison Norris, to speak to local residents and retailers.

Vicky said: "As well as being a very visible form of littering, particu larly across parks and open spaces, plastic bags can sometimes take un to 1,000 years to biodegrade.
"The GPG plastic bag

project in Penarth aims to raise awareness about this waste issue by reducing the need to use plastic bags, encourag-ing re-use where they do exist, and promoting alternative options.

GPG will take the Vale this summer by tionnaires and attending local events such as the Penarth Festival in July

message throughout the conducting retailer ques-

VALE PACT MEETINGS

LLANTWIT MAJOR PACT, leisure centre, June 30, 7pm. ST BRIDES PACT, village church hall, July 1

BUTTRILLS PACT, Gladstone Primary School, July 1, 7pm.
DYFAN PACT, Barry Comprehensive School,

PLYMOUTH PACT, Paget Rooms, Penarth, July

WENVOE coffee and chat meeting, Wenvoe Arms, July 2, 11am.
COWBRIDGE coffee and chat meeting, White Lion, Ystradowen, July 2, 11.30am.
CORNERSWELL PACT, Cogan Leisure Centre,

DINAS POWYS PACT, Bethesda Hall, July 6,

7pm. LLANDOUGH PACT, Memorial Hall, July 8,

Get more mobile by 'extending yourself'

residents Communities First areas have been keeping themselves fit - by taking part in locally run 'Extended' classes.

and women over 60, and for less able people of all

The classes, led by experienced tutor Marianne Harman, enable people with differing abilities to work out their bodies to music in a fun way.

The classes aim to promote health, increase

The sessions cost £2 and will run at the Children's

Songs and arias for a summer afternoon

The South Wales branch of the English-Speaking Union (ESU) is holding a 'picnic and musical interlude' at St Donat's Castle, from 3pm to 6pm on Sunday, July

Noel Hernandez and accompanist Sharon Richards

on 01656 669129, or email derekmorgan@adı

CATS Protection's

Bridgend Adoption

currently caring for

230 cats, has made

local residents to

provide caring

tre is bursting at the

homes.

a desperate plea for

Manager Sue Dobbs said: "The Bridgend cen-

seams with many loving

Centre, which is

Cats adoption centre

sends out urgent SOS

a home. Some of the

adult cats have been at

the centre for several

months and are in des-

perate need of a home.

difficult time every kit-

ten season, but this year

As well as looking after

the 100 + cats already in

our care, we have also

taken in more than 100

unwanted and aban-

cats and kittens requiring doned kittens, as a result

is worse than normal.

"The centre faces a

Extend provides recreational movement for men

mobility and independence, improve strength, co-ordination and balance and to counteract loneliness and isolation, thereby enhancing the person's quality

Centre (Ramsay Road, Gibbonsdown) on September 4, October 2, November 6 and December 4.

Performing will be soprano Charlotte Ellett, tenor

- all from the Welsh National Opera.

Members of the Dennis O'Neill International Academy of Voice will perform, and non members of the ESU are welcome.

For further information, contact Derek Morgan

OPEN GARDENS MAKE IT A SUCCESSFUL D AT PENMARK VII

LAST Saturday (June 20) was a great day in Penmark, as it was the second time that the village had taken part in the National Gardens Scheme.

A village spokesman

reports:
"This year, there were five gardens open - not bad considering we only have 62 houses (includ-

ing the pub).
"They all looked beautiful, with some really interesting and unusual plants. As they were all quite different, no-one had a chance to be bored (even those who are not keen gardeners)."

would any traffic jams, even though we had more cars than last year.

"Mike Kemn decreased and the second secon

"One of the houses is owned by Andrew Matthews, a well-known local singer, who had collected a group of friends to entertain visitors with popular pieces from various operas.
"In other houses, vis-

and also buy plants. Judging by the number of people carrying bags of plants round the village, these were particu-

larly popular. "The ladies of the village had decorated St Mary's Church and Mary's Church and many visitors commented on how lovely the flowers looked, and how well they complemented this charming old build-

"The whole effect was perfectly set off by the peals rung by our bell ringers, including John Reynolds, Andrew Ford and Mike Kemp.

"Everyone turned out to support the gardeners, with Andrew Ford and John MacManus leading a team of village children to organise the car parking and managing to

a n c Research UK fundraiser

ON Saturday, June 27, at 12.30pm-3.30pm, a trawberry tea party in aid of Breast Cancer Cancer Research ınd UK, will be held in the main front field of Fontygary Leisure Park, Rhoose.

Contact 01446 713639 for full details.

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expecting many more

before summer is over."

ing a home is Felix, a

big male cat with a

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He is one of a number

of cats who have been at

the centre five months or

longer.

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breeding in the warmer



Mr Fox takes a rest.

vided welcome transport from the centre of the from the centre of village to the outlying gardens at Penmark Place and Sefton Place and Sefton "A fox was resting in received from nearly all ungalow. "While they are not mummy and a headless GD

far away, Penmark is a bit hilly, especially for the older visitors.
"The Six Bells, our

village pub, was busy both providing very welcome drinks and food in and at the barbecue on the forecourt.
"The village hall

acted as a base for sell-ing tickets but also as a wine bar, and it housed an arts and crafts exhibition, which seemed to be much admired by our visitors.



Another fantastic competition exclusively for **GEM**

ABOVE: The gardens at Penmark Place.

ABOVE: Plants on sale at

Gileston House.

the village experienced relaxing near the hall.' an outbreak of scare-

delivering presents brave people who which, it appeared, were opened their gardens, the target of a burglar. and for the support they

crows built by the children and, it is rumoured,

by some of the grown

ups as well.
"A rather unseason-

able Santa Claus was

"As well as all this, ghost were also observed

"Altogether, it was a

day which raised £2,750

for the National Gardens

"Thanks go to the

Scheme charities.

readers in conjunction with St David's Hall



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One of the focal points of the community is Pontyclun Community Shop which offers people excellent value for money – as well as a place to meet and catch

up on local news. Manageress Vanessa Pullman said that despite reports from

some charities about a drop in the number of items being donated, there was a steady flow of goods into their

"We have plenty of things for sale and more coming in all the time. We get excellent support from the community."

More and more peo-

ple are looking for a bargain in these difficult times and charity shops like this give people a chance to make their money go further.

'We have our regular customers who enjoy bargain hunting and we also have others who pop in occasionally but we can always offer them plenty of choice

at bargain prices." Flower Pot said that Pontyclun had a distinctive community with strong community spirit.

"People like shop-ping in a place where the shops are owned by local people who know

their customers and who offer high levels of service. People can get just about everything they need in Pontyclun and it is so much easier than travelling to larger towns where it is often difficult or expensive to park.'

Her own shop has been in the town for 30 vears - she has worked in it for 15 and owned it for five.

"The town has grown over the years with lots of new houses being built but it still retains its homely atmosphere. Shopping in Pontyclun is an enjoyable experience," she added.

Although Rhondda Cynon Taff Council has just imposed car parking charges in one of the town's car parks. traders point out that shoppers can still park for free at the other car park and there is no need to pay.

Butcher Ken is putting Pontyclun on royal map!

butcher who has spent almost 70 years in the trade has been invited to Buckingham Palace to attend a garden party.

Ken Williams, who has a shop in Pontyclun, is looking forward to the trip in July.

"It was a huge sur-prise when the invitation arrived " he said "Somebody contacted the Lord Lieutenant and that's how the invitation was arranged. I will be going with my son

Mr Williams joined his father Len in the family butchery business in Llanharan when he left school in 1940 at

the age of 14.
"Meat rationing came into force and it was a very difficult time to be a butcher," he recalled. "We could not waste anything – we had to make the meat go as far as we could so that everybody had some

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"We used to sell a lot of rabbits in those days - they were not rationed

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Ken Williams is off to Buckingham Palace.

and people used to have them to supplement the

Mr Williams' father died at the age of 44 and it fell to him then to take over the business with his mother.

"My two sisters were in college and I was the family's main breadwinner," he explained. "I was originally called up for the army but because of the situation at home, I was sent instead to the pit as a Bevin boy. I was working at Llanharan Colliery and used to work nights.
"I would then come

home, snatch a few hours sleep and then go into the shop. It was a busy time."

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Mr Williams' mother Margaret worked in the shop along with his uncle Frank. His mother

Mr Williams' family came originally from Abercynon, where his grandfather had a butch-

lived to be 101 – and was a widow for 60

ers' shop.
"My grandfather and my four uncles were all butchers as well as my "I was born in

Trealaw, which is where my mother was from, but we came to Llanharan when my

father opened the shop. The shop in Llanharan closed some years ago, but Mr Williams came to Pontyclun 16 years ago to help out at the shop and then took it over He now runs it on his

"My wife Marjorie died last vear after 57 years of marriage, so I am glad to have the company of my cus-tomers. They are a great crowd and I enjoy coming to work. I have no plans to retire at the moment because my health is good."

Mr Williams who is 83, lives in Llanharan and has two sons four grand-daughters, one grandson and three great grand-daughters

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From a personal view, Jayne Watts also has a great fondness of the vil-lage, having lived there

Jayne has a wealth of

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Local singers preparing to 'Rock' Memorial Hall

RIGHT: Local musician Dorothy Connell with the composer of 'Rock' Roger Jones.

SINGERS from choirs throughout the Vale will be taking part in a special performance of the musical Rock tomorrow (Friday, June 26) which tells the story of what happened to St Peter - the rock on which Jesus built the Christian church.

Composer Roger Jones tours with the musical throughout the UK and this week it is the turn of the Memorial Hall in Barry.

'Rock' has a small touring company of lead singers and actors, but the choir is recruited locally. It gives amateur singers an opportunity to perform in a large scale production.

The Barry performance is one of only two Welsh venues in the four tours that have so far taken place to 38 halls across the UK.

The choir plays a vital role as the people of the city and highlighting elements of the narrative.

Barry musician Dorothy Connell has helped to

co-ordinate the event, with local singers rehearsing for the big day at venues throughout the Vale.

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Local artists' display is praised by the Vale AM

VALE AM Jane Hutt visited the Canon Hill Studio Space 'Open Studios' at the end of a week-long exhibition by local artists.

"The Open Studios pro-vide premises for a vibrant community of potters, print makers, painters, sculptors and the exhibion display over the bank holiday week was inspirational," she commented.

> RIGHT: Jane Hutt AM with Glyn Pooley and Maurice Carey



Barry sculptor creates dragon for school pupils

RIGHT: This four foot Welsh dragon cast in resin/glass fibre, was created by Barry sculptor Peter Ainty for Graig Y Rhocca Junior School, Caerphilly, at the request of the pupils.



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Robots don't transform into a great film epic!

the prerogative of the major film studios to make their biggest films more 'toyfriendly'.

Not content with emptying parents wallets at the cinema, they want them to be emptied at the nearest toy shop as well.

Joel Schumacher once claimed that this was one of the reasons his Batman & Robin sank like it did; there was no room for reality in a film designed to sell toys.

However, it can work the other way around as well, best-selling toys providing studios with the opportunity to make money from an existing fan base. This was all too apparent with 2007's Transformers, a film based around the robots in disguise that was a

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Its sequel was assured the moment the first went into production.

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and hits screens now under the moniker Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen. Set two years after

events in the original, it sees Sam (Shia LaBeouf) preparing to go to college, while the Autobots, led by Optimus Prime (voiced by Peter Cullen), have joined forces with the military to capture the remaining Deceptions on earth.

However, when Sam finds a shard of the all spark from the last film, it reveals ancient information that will assist the Decepticons and the evil Fallen (voiced by Tony Todd) in coming back to earth and taking

The general rule when it comes to sequels is 'bigger and better', often resulting in an over-cooked end product that pales in comparison to the first one.

There are exceptions to the rule (X2, The Dark Knight, Terminator

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2) but by and large, the majority of sequels don't live up to the expecta-

tion.

It is a problem that afflicts Revenge of the Fallen, as while it most certainly is bigger than its predecessor, it most certainly isn't better.

Having delivered so superbly with the first film, here director Michael Bay lets loose his wildest imagination. which results in some jaw-dropping superb action, and mind-numbingly awful moments. It's fair to say that the film runs the gamut of sublime to ridiculous with consummate ease

Bay is a director easy to lampoon, his films are always glossy, drenched with testosterone and sunset skies, and while technically and visually superb, don't always satisfy in the way you

When he's good, though, he's very good, and there is plenty of that in evidence here. Allied with the excellent effects work displayed, Bay shows a distinct lack of subtlety in blow-ing up as much as he can get his hands on as the robots fight their way through cities and forests, but it works as that's ultimately what you want from the film.

Bay has perfected the notion of popcorn spec-tacle, and ramps it up suitably here, delivering a film that far exceeds the scope of the first, with all manner of

obots on show. However, Bay's strength is also his achilles heel, and while the spectacle has increased, so has the reliance on these somewhat overblown action

At 150 minutes, the film is hardly lean and taut, and the robotic smackdowns lose their

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lustre when wheeled out for the twentieth time.

It is a case of overegging an already rather sumptuous pudding, and while the success of the last film obviously gave Bay a degree of carte blanche to do as he saw fit, a little bit of temperance would have gone a

long way.
On the human side of things, the cast are very much secondary to the robots in terms of action, but are front and centre in terms of plot. Luckily, Shia LaBeouf is more than capable of handling the weight, delivering another likeable turn as Sam, once again being thrust into the middle of a robotic

LaBeouf is hardly called upon to do any real acting, but he does provide a neat line in auips without coming across as smug or

annoying. As his girlfriend, Megan Fox may be incredibly pleasing to the eye, but as an actress it's difficult to judge who is more robotic – her or the Transformers themselves.

Her 'performance' mainly consists of lip gloss, legs and cleavage (and one does have to

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safety aspect of her working in a garage with knee-high boots and a short skirt), and while certainly a turn suited for the males in the audi-ence, adds very little to the film

Far better are a range of smaller turns from the likes of John Turturro and Josh Duhamel, adding a bit of depth to the human element of the film without really doing too much, while the voice cast do their jobs with aplomb.

However, the twin cars that speak some neculiar form of urban jive are more annoying than meeting a lift full of

Jar Jar Binks'.
The script follows a similar template from the first film, but adds in a few more fan favourite characters to up the ante, while deepening the mythology of the charac-ters and their background nicely.
It's the dialogue, how

er, that jars the most, full of heavy-handed lines that mistake cliché for gravitas and it makes you snigger at the writ-ers' inability to get something as basic as speech right in such a glossy film. Ultimately, therein

lies the main problem despite the outward gloss, there is very little substance beneath it, which makes Revenge or the Fallen a somewhat underwhelming experi-ence and certainly not a patch on the first outing. VERDICT – An

overlong, bombastic, 'directed by Michael Bay' experience, Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen lacks the charm of its forbearer. relying on explosions and little else.

As a blockbuster film it works satisfactorily, but it lacks the depth to really stand out on its own terms. Average.

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OLYMPIC SUPREMO VISITS BARRY

THE man at the helm of bringing the world's largest sporting event to the UK has paid a visit to Barry – to celebrate getting the Sports Council for Wales' 5x60 programme fully up and running in all eight comprehensive schools.

Sebastian Coe, former Olympic gold medallist and chairman of the London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games (LOCOG), stopped off Welsh medium comprehensive, Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg, as part of a whistle-stop tour of Wales. Street dance, table tennis, dodgeball and futsal

Street dance, table tennis, dodgeball and futsal were on the menu for the day and pupils from both Ysgol Bro Morgannwg and Barry Comprehensive were on hand to show Lord Coe just how it's done.

Seb Coe said: "We want to see more children and wave good to tribe out to see more children.

Seb Coe said: "We want to see more children and young people trying out sport with school facilities open, and coaches to motivate and support them.

port them.

"It's great that the 5x60 programme is having such an impact in schools across Wales. We saw fantastic elite sport from Welsh competitors in Team GB and ParalympicsGB at the Beijing Games last year, but it's only with programmes like this that will hopefuls be spotted for London 2012."

Launched in October 2006 and supported by a £7.6million investment by the Welsh Assembly Government, the Sports Council for Wales programme – which is run locally by the Vale Council – aims to ensure that secondary school pupils take part in 60 minutes of sport and physical activity five times a week.

council – aims to ensure that secondary school pupils take part in 60 minutes of sport and physical activity five times a week.

It's two years since the scheme began and a full team of four 5x60 officers are now at work in two schools each.

Coun Gordon Kemp, Leader of the Vale Council, said: "The scheme creates so many opportunities for youngsters of all abilities.

opportunities for youngsters of all abilities.
"Hopefully they will carry on the good habits they are picking up in school and continue to lead healthy lives when they are older.

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A recent review by CSSIW found that social services staff and managers have "continued to work hard to secure further improvements, and have established more robust systems for consistent assessment of risk and effective decision making'

The "corporate lead-ership" for children's services were also praised.

Chief Inspector Rob Pickford said: "The authority now responds much more promptly and effectively to initial concerns about children, and is much more reli-able in planning for their welfare and reviewing progress.

"It has better systems to manage its own per-formance and monitor its own progress. The relationship between the inspectorate and the authority can now revert to one of normal business, with the inspectorate checking progress through our normal programme of inspection and reviews."

Coun Mel Nott,

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Leader of BCBC, said: "I welcome this excellent news. As a cabinet, we have been determined to see a sustained and substantial improvement in this area, and I have been very closely involved in monitoring

progress.
"I know how dedicated staff within the children's directorate have been to making this hap-

Coun Alana Davies, the cabinet member for children and young people, said: "I am passion ate about the welfare of our children and young people, so I am truly delighted about the good work which is now being achieved in this

service area."

Jo Farrar, chief executive of BCBC, said: "This is not the end of the improvements. Children's services have been, and remain, a corporate priority, but this is a very positive building block for the

Vale planning applications

Mr David Jones, 4 New Barn, St Athan - two storey extension and detached double garage. Mr T Cuddihy, **Gatekeepers Lodge**, **Hayes Point**, Hayes Road, Sully – double garage with ancillary office/studio, amendment to 05/00893/FUL. Mr and Mrs O'Neill, The Bowers, Coldbrook

Road West, Barry – retention of alterations to existing building. Mrs Sue Culberson, 4 Old Port Road, Wenvoe - addition of a front porch and garden tool shed

Mr David Green, 27 St Pauls Avenue, Barry rear single storey extension to enlarge kitchen and dining room and garage extension.

Mr S Hopkin, 34 The Broad Shoard, Cowbridge

- two storey extension to side and rear, with single storey porch to front.

Mr Ian Campbell, The Croft, Heol y March, Bonvilston - first floor addition and extensions to provide double garage and bedrooms to an existing round floor only bungalow.

Mr Paul Hopkins, St Annes, Romilly Park Road, Barry – two-storey extension providing kitchen, utility, wc, bedroom and bathroom.

Mr Stephen Jones, 1 Phyllis Street, Barry Island demolish existing garage/workshop (single storey), redevelop two-storey coach house on same

Mr Terry Donovan, 56 Redlands Avenue, Penarth – change use of existing garage, includng rear extension to create a one-bedroom

detached dwelling.
Mr and Mrs Briley, 5 Britten Road, Penarth -

conservatory to rear of property.

Mr and Mrs Skinner, 63 Cog Road, Sully – reten-

tion of double height rear conservatory extension and single storey extension to kitchen with balcony above, and new rear dormer to accommodate patio door in lieu of two existing dormer windows, all as already built Construction of two dormer windows on front face of house and new single storey garage on side of house.

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> Grant Wilson Ar ran Asiantaeth vr Amgylchedd Dyddiedig 25/6/09

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(AS AMENDED BY THE **ENVIRONMENT ACT 1995)**

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CONSENT FOR THE **PURPOSES OF SECTION 88**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in accordance with Schedule 10 of the Water Resources Act 1991 that an application has been made to the Environment Agency by Vale of Glamorgan Council for consent to discharge up to 7.3 cubic metres per day of secondary treated sewage effluent to tributary of River Thaw at National Grid Reference SS 99933 71972 from Llanfair Primary School, The Herberts, St Mary Church Cowbridge, CF71 7LT.

Any person who wishes to make representations about the application should do so in writing to The Environment Agency, Water Quality Permitting Support Centre, PO Box 4209, Sheffield, S9 9BS, during the period 25/6/09 to 6/8/09 quoting reference NPSWQD007980.

Please be aware that any representation may be made available to third parties under the Freedom of Information Act or Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

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Grant Wilson On behalf of The Environment Agency Dated 25/6/09

Family Notices

Wendy STREET

Peacefully at Holme Tower on June 21, 2009. Wendy of St Athan, beloved wife of David, loving mum to Debbie, David and Andrew, dearly loved mother-in-law, Nan and Great Nan.

You will always be loved and missed. Funeral on Monday June 29, 2009 in St Tathan Church at 10.30am., followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium at 12 noon.

Flowers may be sent to WA Brown & Son, College St., Llantwit Major. Tel: 01446 792489.

Dave Pearson

One year has passed, No time to say goodbye, Just goodnight and God bless you, Until we meet again one day, Love and miss you more than words can say.

All our love, Joan, Pam and Trisha. XXXX

THACKER Nicola (Nic)

Peacefully at home on June 21, Nicola of Llantwif Major (formerly Yorkshire). Belowed partner of Ed, devoted munmy of Ellis Much lowed daughter of Godfrey and the late Marie. loving sister of Joanne. Greatly missed by Lauren, Joan, Jemma, Anthea, her family and friends.

Jennia, Annied, ner anny and mensel. Funeral service in St Catwags Church, Llanmaes, on Tuesday June 30 at 10am, afterwards to Coychurch Crematorium. No flowers by request, please, donation if wished to Marie Curie Cancer Care, Holme Tower Hospice, Bridgeman Road, Penarth.

All enquiries to WA Brown & Son,
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Dave **PEARSON**

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THE week com-

mencing June 15

Cadoxton ladies'

week, the evening league was cancelled.

shared with Barry

Athletic.

to play.

The first match of the

and due to other bowling

pressures the points were

The very heavy showers through the day

had made the green waterlogged and unfit

was held at Cadoxton

The heavy winds

made it difficult to

keep upright on times but the ladies battled on

but the ladies battled of Romilly taking a resounding victory. Rink one: Cadoxton M Slee, J Watkins,A Rees, D Davies 10, Romilly – J Coles, P Cogbill, J Donavon K

Romilly made an

excellent start gaining

eight shots in the first six ends. Skip Kath

Bryan did an excellent

job in taking Cadoxton's

The scores were fairly

shots off several times

even up to the 12th end

of this 18 end match but Romilly forged ahead

and Cadoxton were

unable to make an

impression on the scor-

Rink two: Cadoxton

, Romilly – M Werner,

Joy Wood, P Davies, N

Hitchens, Paula Currie

J Davies, J Jeeves, N

Brvan 28.

June 18 league match

with the visitors Romilly

most successful

was not one of

That's better! Bowlers find some form again with big rink shake-up

CADOXTON V TAFFS WELL CML2

AFTER last week's disaster, there was a complete shake-up of all the Cadoxton rinks, and it produced a much better performance against Taffs Well. at home.

Kelvin Chedgzoy returned to the mat, with Ivor Robertson introduced as third.

They took an immediate lead and were never overtaken during the game, although the scores were level on two occasions.

After a third of the game on end seven, the score was six each. Then on the following third the opponents caught up once again at 11-11.

The final part was finished in style with the hosts collecting three threes and a single with only three singles

A completely new rink renewed an old partnership with Andrew Hatcher returning to play third to Don Kuhnell.

They were supported by Howard Hellyar and Viv Thurston.

In blustery but dry conditions the bowling was superb on both sides with the shot changing bowl after bowl.

Cadoxton took the initiative from then on to take a 1 shot advantage

The next end brought a lapse when Don faced six shots against, but drew the shot with his final bowl. This was followed on the next end with holding seven shots and the opposing skip getting a last bowl saver from second shot.

Gary Jones had Derek Brook added to his rink as second and were not headed throughout the They had built an

eight-shot lead with six ends left, but a phase of inspiration from their opponents brought the difference to just one. Two twos to finish ensured two more home points.

Graham Brown's new look rink included Tony Bishop, back from a few weeks break, at lead, with Dai Tuck and Les Cundliffe completing the

They took an early lead, which was held until the opponents eventually drew level at

The next end proved unlucky for the home side when a five, was conceded, which they failed to recover from.

Scores: T Bishop, D Tuck, L Cundliffe, G Brown 17-23; H Hellyar, V

Thurston, A. Hatcher, D Kuhnell 17-11; W Eadie, W Vaughan, I Robertson, K Chedgzoy 21-14; P Ellis, D Brook, J Davies, G Jones 18-13. **Final score: 73-61.**

CADOXTON V **CYFARTHFA** CASTLE CML2 UNFORTUNATELY Cadoxton A side had to

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make the long trip to Cyfarthfa Castle, a new addition to the league, with two players short.

Mike Curtis skipped one of the short rinks to a very pleasing success, by winning 15 of the 21 ends. John Stewart and Bob Knight gave him

able support.

However, on the other triple, the result was reversed with Graham Garland conceding 15 of

A bad start on Alan Carpenter's rink left them 7-0 down and they were never able to get

back into contention.
The fourth rink was skipped by Roy Harding, and they started by conceding a five on the

opening end.
On the fifth end they took the lead, which was increased to a 10 shot advantage by the 13th

The success seemed to have been forfeited when 11 shots against were scored over the next seven ends.

Nevertheless, they stuck to the task and got the necessary two shots required on the final

Scores: R Doble, G Solomon, D Evans, R Harding 20 -19; G Powell, L Little, G Davies, A Carpenter 12-21; B Knight, J Stewart, M Curtis 26-14; D Collard, I Dunbar, G Garland, 10-28. **Final**

CADOXTON V WINDSOR MUNRO CUP CADOXTON were hosts to Windsor in this Munro Cup match with two winning rinks

The home side had an advantage of 11 shots with their successful

wins, but the opposi-tion's difference was 30. The biggest difference was on a rink which unfortunately had to be

changed just prior to the game due to the unavailability of skip Don

Jim Davies took over as skip on a now weak looking rink, against the experienced Mal Hope.

They did hold their own for six ends with the score at 3-3. However, during the remaining 12 ends only two shots were scored.

The other losing rink came with what seemed a strong setup, but they came up against the experienced Ken McLeod as opposing skip who continuously stopped them scoring by turning over any advantages they produced.

Alan Carpenter returned to his winning ways, in the Munro Cup. when he skipped his rink to a good win despite conceding a five on the penultimate end against

Tom Fahey's four. Graham Brown had some good early service from his lead Bob Knight, which aided them in gaining an early advantage against the opposing rink skipped by John Hardess. The game continued

to completion with the score always in the home team's favour, with Mike Curtis and Les Cundliffe playing their part.

Scores: G Solomon, R Doble, G Davies, J Davies 5-23 J Thomas, B Rogers, E Thorne, M Hope. D Evans, J Sugden, J Stewart, A Carpenter 15-13 J Price, C Lewis, A Dudley, T Fahey. B Knight, M Curtis, L Cundliffe, G Brown 19-10 M Fullbrook, M Lloyd Jones, R Owen, J Hardess. D Jones, G Jones, I Robertson, K Chedgzoy 12-24 R Lewis, P Gooding, T Holmes, K McLeod. Final score: 51-70.

Goodrich

The ladies started well and the score was even on end five. After this Cadoxton didn't score until 14th/16th ends when they scored one shot each end. Scoring steadily Romilly finished in fine style by taking seven shots on the last two ends.

Rink three: Cadoxton A Jones, N Clissett, D Evans I Tuck Romilly - M Lalande, A Shepherd, B Freeman, M Newman 18.
This was a very excit-

ing game with the scores being fairly even throughout the game. On end 12 the Cadoxton ladies were ahead 13/10. Romilly scored on the next four ends to bring the score up to 17/13 in their favour.

recover and took three on end 17 but not enough to seal a win

Cadoxton ladies struggle

as Romilly take plaudits

DOT DAVIES ON JUNE 16. Cadoxton Ladies dressed in their club colours and played a club competition 'Katie's Cup'.

This competition is in memory of Katie Selley a very long and respected member of Cadoxton Ladies Bowling Club.

The cup was present-ed to the club by her husband George, and every year we remember Katie and her contribution to the club.

The competition is a fun game and points are gained by each lady playing with three woods. The shot gaining three points, second two Cadoxton were able to and third one. It is

ABOVE: Cadoxton ladies in their club colours.

played over 12 ends, with the highest scorers going forward to the semi-final.

Semi-final winners were: J Tuck, M Paterson, P Currie, D Evans P Davies and M

The highest scorers of the semi-final were: J Tuck and D Evans who then played in the final.

In a very exciting final, both ladies battled well and the score was equal going into the last end. Jean Tuck took the competition by just one point. Congratulations to Jean Tuck well done to Dianne Evans, an excellent day to commemorate 'Katie'

Pencoed Lifesaving club open to junior members

PENCOED District LifeSaving Club is finally able to open its doors to junior memaged 10-15

For many years, the nior lifesaving club unior vaiting-list has been prohibitive, with members travelling from far and wide, from Llantwit and Brides through Bridgend and district and as far as Llantrisant.

Recent intakes have list to be thrown-open to resuscitation training.

and this year's applicants. Swimmers under 15, boys and girls of 'Gold' minutes are invited to leave their details at Pencoed swimming-pool for Thursday evening, or telephone 01656 667640

to join the club. Royal Li Royal LifeSaving Society standards 1-2-3 are taught by qualified coaches from 7-8pm and the senior club trains for the RLSS bronze medal-Recent intakes have lion from 8-9pm with allowed the July intake further First-Aid and

Selected over 16 may be offered training and qualification standard, who are able to as an RLSS assistant swim a strong six lengths teacher, to develop their and tread water for five life skills. For those teacher, to develop their physical undertaking education in school, earning their bronze medallion counts for up to 30 marks in their GCSEs.

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gelding called *Plunkett*, owned by Hywel Jones

of Dinas Powys, who

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The horse that raced

last Thursday

trainer Evan

Las in

meeting.

circuits for several years. We have two excellent days Llandow in the last year, and are back for more fundraising fun.

by the circuit management and are able day.

"Cars on track will include sev-

tinteresting environment. The Ed Evans Foundation was the track day, please contact Spectators will be welcome, established in 2006 and has Christopher Darwin on 01288 already raised more than £85,000 381265 or e-mail c.darwin@virand entry is free. already raised more than £85,000 381265
The organiser, Christopher for Cancer Research Wales and gin.net.

A CHARITY track day at Darwin, said: "We have been run- other charities. See www.edevans-

The RN and RM Children's Fund provides support to children whose parents work, or have "We have been well-supported worked, for the Naval Service in areas including childcare, special needs education and in-home support in times of crisis. See www.rnrmchildrensfund.org.

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Dinas owner stakes claim for piece of Welsh racing history

ON AND OFF THE TURF

Evan told me in the winners' enclosure after the race: "We got the horse from Michael Hourigan about a month ago and all the credit must go to him as he said Plunkett was the type of horse we could do well with

jockey Donal Fahy.

in the summer."
He added: "It means winner at the 10,000 an awful lot, as a Welshman, to come here and get the first winner.

"But we have to get up in the morning and go and do it elsewhere so it's important to keep a level head about it

Plunkett's delighted

owner said: "It's a historic moment and I'm proud to win this first race at this amazing brand new racecourse

We planned ahead and as I said to Evan, we would love to come down here and win the first race.

"As a proud west Walian, I wanted to show that west Wales is Chase. a hard place for anyone outside the area to win.

"I said to Evan, find me a horse to win that

"Evan went away and found the horse he believed would win the first race at Ffos Las. The man did what he said he would and we won the race-job done.

Later in the evening, Evan's Danehill Willy, ridden by champion National Hunt jockey Tony McCoy, won the Ffos Las Live On At The Races Novice's

Danehill Willy was the second leg of a hattrick for McCoy, who also won on Sea Wall and NoStringsAttached for leading trainer Jonjo O'Neill.

Kitemark is symbol of quality body repair work

JUNE 18 saw the announcement of the Kitemark Vehicle Body Repair scheme.

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Dock View Road junction with Thompson Street, Barry - ongoing temporary traffic signals. Sully Road, between Penarth and Sully (near Ashgrove School) - ongoing intermittent traffic control to allow construction of new access. Gileston Road, St Athan - temporary traffic sig-

B4267 Lavernock Road, Penarth near Brockhill **Rise** – intermittent temporary offpeak traffic signals until July 15, for essential water works.

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Thursday, June 25th, 2009

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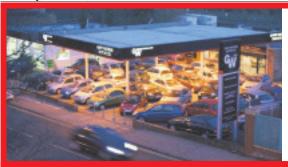


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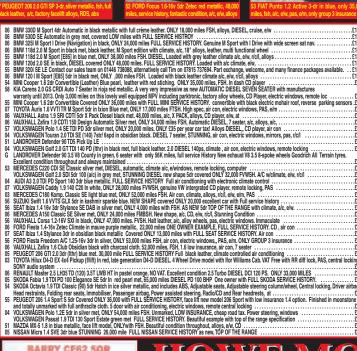
















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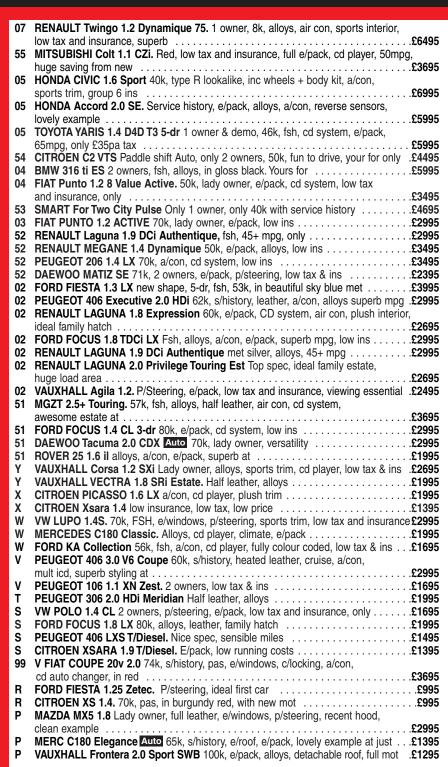
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Can the Lions forget that first half nightmare and go on to fulfil a dream?

BACK PAGE COMMENT by Don John

HE general consensus of media opinion since last weekend's narrow defeat in Durban is that the British & Irish Lions have a great chance of putting mighty South Africa to the sword in Pretoria on

Saturday. Such optimism is understandably based on that remarkable turnaround in the last 30 minutes, when the Lions scored 14 unanswered points and had the world champions clinging on for dear life at the end to scramble a

26-21 win. There is no doubt that the belated arrival off the bench of prop Adam Jones and hooker Matthew Rees was a decisive factor in restoring stability to a demoralised eight that had spent the previous hour in ignominious

While most had expected the Lions' scrum at least to provide a solid competitive platform against a front row that was considered inferior to them, this proved not to be the case

In fact, one of the saddest sights of all was to see the dejected figure of England's veteran World Cup winning prop Phil Vickery trudging off, after being cruelly dismantled by Tendai 'the Mtwariria in a nightmare first half for both him and his

Not that the string of penalties Vickery conceded was the sole cause of Lions' first half disarray, for they were struggling in the line-out and at the breakdown and also wasting golden chances against fired-up Springboks who

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requires."

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threatened to blast them off the park, after a quick-fire try by skipper Jon Smit.

Four successful penalty kicks followed, interspersed with a fine try by Tom Croft, set up by the increasingly impressive centre pairing of Jamie Roberts and Brian O'Driscoll. However, this still made the

score at the interval 19-7 to a clearly dominant home team, who confidently expected to ram their superiority home in the second

One devastating rolling maul drove the Lions back half the length of the field, culminating in a converted try – but the expect-ed scoring avalanche never came.

The Lions made positive substitutions from the bench, while (not for the first time) the overconfident South African coach did the opposite, replacing the core of his team with inferior players and the tide turned.

The now rampant Lions took advantage and when Stephen Jones converted late tries by Croft and Mike Phillips, South Africa were only too glad to hear the final whistle.

However, they will be a totally different proposition in the second test high up on the lung-bursting highveldt in Pretoria on Saturday, and the Lions management have had much to ponder on selection-wise after Durban. with the fate of the series already hanging in the balance. Can they get the mix right this time?

For the travelling Lions' fans, as well as the thousands of telly-watchers back here at home, it promises to be another nail-biting afternoon that could again go to the wire.

Romilly bowlers lose out in thriller against Blaina Romilly R Hewitson, M Doyle when Blaina scored a six cult take out shot as best ahead 16-15 and then

Bowling Club played their WBA Carruthers Shield match on Saturday match on Saturday 'pear shaped' and against a tough Romilly dropped a six. Blaina team on a Blaina then went on to well-manicured Romilly park green.

Tony Freeman's rink of C Green, G Eastment

AFTER losing to

first division three

previous Saturday,

travelled to Cardiff

It turned out to be a game of two halves with

two of the Central rinks losing by 17 shots and 9

tea and biscuits both

After a short break for

rinks fought back but did

not have enough ends to

overcome a poor start and they ended losing by 10 shots and 13 shots

There was a better

result on the other two

Central rinks with both

teams in front from the

scares both came out on

come away with 4 points

top allowing Central to

rather than an embar-rassing whitewash.

Results: Rink 1 A Davies 21 M

start, and after a few

respectfully.

Beddau in their

league game the

where they only

managed four

points, Central

on Saturday to

Bowling Club.

shots

challenge Grange

by 13-11. It was at this point that the game went score a further six shots over the final five ends to

of C Green, G Eastment and K Westgate had a Bannister and P torrid time with their match, losing 12-20.

Mel Newman's rink of Gershenson started their game well but hit trouble on the 8th and 9th end,

Summerhayes 15: Rink 2 J Jones 19 G Bethal

(capt) 16 W Dungey 26:

Barry Central 70 shots

Central look forward

J Hopkins 14 J Bethel

Grange Bowling Club

to two home matches

this week and it is hoped

that there will be a dras-

tic change of fortune in

will be catch up bowls

season.

again for the rest of the

their results, otherwise it

16: Rink 3 D Roach

Barry Central

bowlers struggle

However, the Romilly boys persevered and scored 12 shots to Blaina's seven over the remaining ends for a 19-20 result

Dave Wright's rink of win the rink 16-23. A Bryan, B Gough and G
Richard Cowling's Cogbill were in the lead
rink of H Jones, D for most of the first 16 ends. The 17th end then became pivotal with Romilly scoring a big six and the possibility of winning the aggregate was at stake.

The score was 24-12 after 20 ends and therefore Romilly needed five shots on the last end to win the aggregate. On this final end, Romilly 3rd Alan Bryan turned the jack into the ditch with his final wood hold-ing two shots. The Blaina skip then played his first

wood and no score.

The Romilly skip
played his first wood and drew a shot to the ditch edge, holding three. Blaina skip played his final shot and took out the Romilly wood. With two shots now needed for a draw, Romilly skip Dave decided on a diffi-

Club and R Harkus had a good followed by a four to race option and was unfortutous control by winning start and after 15 ends led ahead 7-13.

of Blaina's woods. for a splendid 23-16 win.

Despite this rink's Vince McFarland's winning score of 26-12, rink of P Hoad, L Jones the aggregate was lost to a good Blaina squad 73-

GOOD WIN FOR ROMILLY A

ROMILLY 'A' team travelled to Cardiff for their match against Splott Phoenix Bowling

Club on Saturday.

Romilly were pleased to come home with an 89-62 aggregate.
Alf Woolcock's rink of

W Hewitt, J Coles and G Rees had a very good game. They took an early lead and maintained the advantage with some excellent bowling by the whole team, to win the rink 31-10. Clive Collin's rink of J

Jones, A Burge and B Cheal led from start to finish and overwhelmed

their opponents 27-9 win. Bob Wyatt's rink of A Jones, C Davies and K Clements had a slow start in this game. It was 14 ends before they went

and M Gershenson drew the short straw and were matched against a gaggle **RH** of young hot shots. They struggled to make progress throughout and went down 8-27. RH

Barrivale bridge results

THE latest results from Barrivale Bridge Club are:

First, Joan Jenkins and Graham Jones 68.25 per cent: second Denis Mottram and Mike Close 57.14 per cent; third, Alan Jones and Lyn Matthews 55.56 per cent.

Joan and Graham also won on handicap.

New members are

welcomealways Barrivale and for more information ring 01446

The Murch lady bowlers enjoy successful season

WITH four wins from six matches played over the past two weeks it has been a relatively successful period for the ladies of the Murch Bowling Club.

Two wins were recorded in evening league matches against

Mackintosh and Penarth Windsor by 25 and 18 shots respectively. In the Ladies Double Rink League, Murch were winners by 39-23 at Pontyclun, but succumbed 14 shots and three shots to Millwood and Penarth Windsor

respectively.
In the Glamorgan League the ladies were successful by 55-44 at Victoria Park Bowling Club.

The men bowlers of the Murch were not as successful as their lady counterparts, and following a 98-54 deficit in a friendly game at Llantwit Major, lost to Rumney Gardens and Splott Phoenix in Municipal League matches in divisions four and six.



Youth side in new league

AFTER a summer tour to America, and a successful season in the South Wales Youth League, Barry Town's youth side are progressing through the leagues and are now entering the Macwhirter 'Welsh Youth' League.

A spokesman said: "We are looking for quality, fully committed individuals who want to develop and aspire to be part of our current team.

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ty for youngsters to have Wales' top venue for first-class beach fun getting fit and active by playing beach volley-ball. The girls really enjoyed themselves and volleyball, it has also played host to local school pupils I hope that these weekly sessions will prove to be who are getting to extremely popular." During their first sesgrips with the game thanks to the Vale sion, the girls were coached by Carl Council's 5x60 Harwood from Barry Island Beach Volleyball Club. Carl is a passionate promoter of beach volleyball and said: "It's a really fun sport and it was great to teach the

Bryn Hafren pupils try out volleyball

ABOVE: Girls from Bryn Hafren Comprehensive School in Barry Above. Guis John By Hajren Comprehense School in Barl have been getting to grips with beach volleyball as part of the Vale Council's 5x60 initiative. They are pictured here with 5x60 Officer Michelle Davies and Carl Harwood from Barry Island Beach Volleyball Club.

scheme. A group of girls from Brvn Hafren Comprehensive School jumped at the chance to try the sport when it was added to this term's list of extra-curricular activi-ties that are available as part of the sporting ini-

fast becoming

Bryn Hafren's 5x60 officer Michelle Davies said: "Having a beach only a couple of miles